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De Klerk ends ban on ANC and communists: Mandela freed soon

South Africa begins trek to democracy

South Africa yesterday lifted the 30-year ban on the African National Congress and announced the imminent release of Nelson Mandela in a speech that stunned the world with the extent of its reforms.

Restrictions on some 30 other anti-apartheid org-anizations are to be lifted, political prisoners will be freed and the death sentence is to be suspended, Mr de Klerk told the opening of Parliament in

Cape Town. Inviting the ANC to neg-otiate a new power-sharing agreement, he said: "The season of violence is over. The time for reconstruction and reconciliation has arrived."

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His speech was immediately welcomed around the world.



Final pieces of the puzzle

 The Times Diamond Jubilee Crossword reaches its climax today with the publication of the full grid of this fascinating brain-teaser,

and all the clues, including those published earlier in the week

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From Gavin Bell, Cape Town

it an historic landmark and a vindication of Britain's nonsanctions policy, and President Bush said he viewed Mr de Klerk's remarks positively, butsaid further progress would be needed before sanctions could be lifted. Both leaders indicated that they invite both Mr de Klerk and Mr Mandela to their countries.

President Kaunda of Zambia, where the ANC is based, offered "hearty congratulations for a job well started";

Township euphoris ANC cautious. Leading article. Gold shares soar.

and Nigeria's extrenal afairs minister, Mr Rilwann talk." Lukman, said: "We are sure this signals a genuine change on the part of the South African authorities and we welcome it wholcheartedly."

Archbishop Desmond Tutu said: "My gut-level reaction is positive and I want to commend him: It is not all I hoped for, but it is a very consid-

erable part of it."
Mr de Klerk said his Govnt wished to release Mr leader, without delay and would decide on a date soon, but more time was required. "There are factors in the way of his immediate release, of which his personal circumstances and safety are not the

He also wished to terminate the state of emergency as soon as possible, but the security situation required its retention for the time being. In particular, he referred to violent conflict between rival black nationalist organizations in Natal townships, and indications that radicals were trying to disrupt the

DEACE PROCESS. No executions would take place until Parliament had considered proposals for broadening judicial discretion in imposing the death sentence and for automatic right of appeal. Detention under emergency regulations would be limited to six months, during which prisoners would

President de Klerk of Mrs Margaret Thatcher called have the right to legal Speaking alternately in Enghish and Afrikaans, Mr de Klerk said: 'It is time for us to break out of the cycle of violence and break through to

peace and reconciliation. The

silent majority is yearning for

this. The youth deserve it. "The table is laid for sen sible leaders to begin talking about a new dispensation. The agenda is open and the overall aims to which we are aspiring should be acceptable to all reasonable South Africans.

"There is no longer any reasonable excuse for the continuation of violence. The time for talking has arrived, and whoever still makes excuses does not really wish to

Some reasons being advanced for refusing to negotiate were valid, but "others are merely part of a political chess game, and while the game of chess proceeds, valuable time is being lest.
"I regest my invitation with

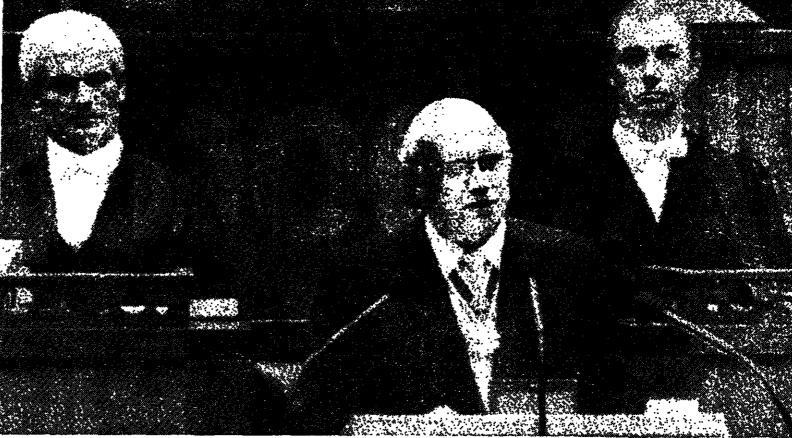
greater conviction than ever walk through the open door, take your place at the negotiating table. The time for negotiation has arrived."

long-term goal was equal rights in every sphere, and said he had asked the Law Commission to consider democratic constitutions which safeguarded human rights. "It is neither the Government's policy nor its intention that any group, in whichever way it may be defined, shall be favoured above or in relation

to any of the others.

The essence of Mir de Klerk's shock tactics was to meet the ANC half-way in its demands. While unbanning tained the state of emergency, and while according its members political freedom, he stopped short of an amnesty for those convicted or suspected of violent acts.

The ANC leadership in exile reacted cautiously to the speech, welcoming the steps which had been taken, but insisting that negotiations could not begin as long as the Continued on page 7, col 3



Turning point: President de Klerk making his historic address to the South African Parliament yesterday: "It is time . . to break through to peace and reconciliation.



People power: Mrs Winnie Mandela at the Cape Town rally: "We can't be happy just because the ANC has been unbanned."

British policy proved right, says Thatcher

Mrs Margaret Thatcher yes- expand its academic cultural Klerk's decisions to legalize South Africa. the African National Congress and release Nelson Mandela as "bold and courageous" and, internationally uppopular polsaid it showed that the British Government's anti-sanctions. policy had paid off.

She invited Mr de Klerk to Chequers and said she would also invite Mr Mandela once he was freed.

She made it clear that if would like to visit South Africa, though not immediately. However, Mr Douglas Hurd, the Foreign Secretary, said he hoped to visit the country "before too long", possibly when Namibia declares its independence.

Mrs Thatcher undertook to try to persuade other Comtheir sanctions against Pre-

terday hailed President de and scientific contacts with The Prime Minister clearly

felt-that after following an icy for years she had been proved right. "It means that the approach that Britain has taken in not

keeping contact with her is now paying off. We believe in carrots as well as sticks." She said the American pol-

negotiations went well she icy of disinvestment in South Africa had been a mistake. "I think more investment would been more have constructive."

Mrs Thatcher said it was too soon to consider relaxing the mandatory sanctions agreed through the United Nations, but other measures might be dropped. Britain's commitmonwealth leaders to relax ment to the Gleneagles Agree-

Mrs Thatcher's invitation demned by the Anti-Apart-South African leader's speech.

About 400 protesters staged a lunchtime demonstration outside South Africa House. calling for Nelson Mandela's

Archbishop Trevor Huddleston, the president of the Anti-Apartheid Movement, and its chairman, the Labour MP Mr Robert Hughes, issued a statement accusing the British Government of seizing an excuse to reduce pressure on the South African regime.

"This must not be allowed to happen. We deplore Mrs Thatcher's decision to invite F.W. de Klerk to London. This is not the time for carrots. Indeed, it is vital that we maintain and intensify ment on sporting contacts international pressure until apartheid is destroyed."

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BA brings work for 450 to Glasgow

Jobs boost for west Scotland

By Kerry Gill

More than 800 jobs are to be created in the west of Scotland. British Airways announced yesterday that it is to bring work for 450 with a new Glasgow telephone sales centre and 380 posts will be created by an insurance company's expansion in

The £18 million British Airways facility is intended to cover increasing business north of the border and will also provide a service for 100-strong Glasgow sales grant from the Scottish Office. force will be increased to 300 Yesterday, Crusader In-

by next spring, with 250 more staff being employed by 1992. bringing 380 jobs to The airline now employs a Inverciyde with the establish-The airline now employs a total of about 750 in Glasgow.

The new office is due to open in September. Lord King, chairman of British Airways, said: "This move is of great importance to the airline's business development plans for the 1990s and beyond. It is also important for the continuing commercial development of

The project has been supother parts of Britain. The regional selective assistance Yesterday, Crusader In- Reigate, Surrey.

ment of an office development on the edge of Greenock. It is the biggest inward investment in the Inverciyde area for

more than 20 years. The district has had severe problems over the past decade as shipbuilding declined and little new investment was attracted. The area was recently given Enterprise Zone

The new offices will replace ported by a £1.4 million Crusader's administrative and processing centres in Livingston, West Lothian, and

Arrest in computer plot case

By Nick Nuttall Technology Correspondent

Federal Bureau of Investiga tion agents, acting on behalf of Scotland Yard, have arrested a man in the United States in connection with a multimillion pound Aids computer blackmail plot.

The man, named as Dr Joseph Lewis Popp, a medical computer expert from Willowick, Ohio, appeared in court at Cleveland, Ohio, yesterday. He faces extradition to

Computer team, page 3

Worst of Aids epidemic 'may be over'

By Thomson Prentice Science Correspondent

Only about a third as many people are likely to develop Aids in the next few years as was predicted a year ago,

according to government forecasts. The report by a Public Health Laboratory Service working party, published yesterday, offers the most optimistic prediction about the firture spread of the disease yet produced.

It suggests that the worst of the epidemic among homosexuals in Britain may be over and says that Aids sufferers are living twice as long as was the case a few years ago because of improved drug

However, the report, which examines the likely spread of the disease up to the

end of 1993, warns that the changing pattern of the epidemic could mean that most new cases could be through heterosexual contact or intravenous drug

The report says that in 1990 there will be 1,300 new cases of Aids in England and Wales, and 750 deaths. In 1993 there will be between 1,175 and 4,825 new Aids cases, of whom 875-1,500 will be homosexual or bisexual men.

The latest Department of Health figures show that 2,830 people have contracted the human immunodeficiency virus (HTV) infection, of whom 1,612 have died. By the end of 1993, it is predicted that there will have been 6,380 Aids deaths, and 4,980 people with Aids. The figures are an update on the Cox report, published at the end of 1988,

which forecast that by the end of 1992 there could be up to 30,000 Aids cases and as many as 17,000 deaths.

Yesterday's report says research indicates that the spread of infection among homosexual and bisexual men dropped sharply in the mid-1980s. "The more pessimistic projections of the Cox report are no longer tenable," it says. • Aids organizations welcomed the fig-

ures but warned against complacency in efforts to combat the spread of the disease, particularly among drug users and heterosexuals (Jill Sherman writes). The Terrence Higgins Trust hailed the

predictions as a victory for health education. "They show that safer sex and safe drug use campaigns launched in 1983 and 1984 did have a substantial effect on slowing the spread of infection."

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NEXT WEEK

The Mandela

letters

"I've plans, wishes

and hopes. I dream and build castles. But one

has to be realistic. We're mere individuals in a society run by powerful institutions with its

conventions, norms,

morals, ideals and attitudes.

When he was

imprisoned in South

Africa 28 years ago, Nelson Mandela left

behind a young wife with two small daughters,

and children by his first

marriage. From behind bars he guided, cajoled and encouraged his

family in a copious

and compelling

correspondence.

On Monday, The

Times publishes

extracts from Mandela's

letters to his family,

which reveal a private

side to a very public man

From a roar

US arrest highlights global task of Yard computer team By Nick Nuttall, Technology Correspondent

The arrest in the United States of Dr Joseph Lewis Popp in connection with an alleged computer blackmail threat highlights one of the biggest investigations undertaken by the Scotland Yard's Computer Crime Unit

After calls by worried computer users, the four-man team quickly found itself investigating an international blackmail attempt. The web of intrigue stretched from a business centre in New Bond Street, central London, to a registered company and post office box number in Panama.

Investigators became embroiled in Central American politics when attempts to trace funds being sent to the Panama the US invasion of Panama.

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Mr John Austen, who heads the Computer Crime Unit, said officers had been working 14-hour days since mid-December after the arrival in the mail of a computer disc purporting to offer educational information on Aids and which were later found to damage computers.

His unit, set up in 1984 with two officers. has brought prosecutions in nearly 30 cases of computer "backing" or the introduction of a computer "virus" - a rogue programme that can interfere with computer

However, Mr Austen, a former employee of a computer manufacturer who has been 23 years in the force, admitted had fallen foul of Britain's madequate laws covering computer misuse.

The team's most celebrated case was that of Gold and Schiffreen, two freelance journalists who were accused in 1984 by British Telecom of "hacking" [breaking intol computers.

A prosecution of fraud was brought and the pair were fined £1,000. But the case was thrown out on appeal to the House of Lords and the conviction quashed. Other less well-publicized cases have

included prosecutions for hacking into university and airline systems.

"They have usually been for things like false accounting and criminal damage, when someone writes a logic bomb or time

bomb that damages the system", Mr Austen said. Some have been against former employees of companies who hold grudges. Others have been against individuals misguidedly trying to pit their wits against a computer system.

Mr Austen is convinced that despite proposed laws on computer misuse contained in a Bill sponsored by Mr Michael Colvin, Conservative MP for Romsey and Waterside, hacking and virus offences are likely to be an increasing problem.

That was partly because advanced computers are penetrating into all walks of life. "The other reason is that there is a vast amount of money now being transfered by

computer systems," Mr Austen said. In an attempt to meet the growing crime wave, Mr Austen has begun training officers from other forces in the rudiments of computer crime.

The courses, which have been run at the Police Staff College, Brambill, since 1986, have now achieved their initial target of having "at least one officer in every UK force with some initial training".

However, Mr Austen believes that, given the international nature of computer crime, some centralization of Britain's computer crime policemen may be needed to bring the country in line with the

Computer and legal experts believe Mr Austen's unit may be pushed to breaking point unless more resources are made

Libel action against Royal wedding heals family rift

Marsh 'may be link to Warren shooting'

By David Sensted

The shooting of Mr Frank ducted his own case from the Completion of the attempted front bench of Court 13. The murder trial, there was bound former world light welter- to be speculation, gossip and action brought by the boxing promoter against the former world champion Terry Marsh, it was claimed in the High Court in London yesterday.

The disclosure was made as Mr Marsh, who is charged with attempting to murder Mr Warren, made a personal appearance in court to press for the libel case to go ahead. likely to get a substantial order But an application by Mr for costs against Mr Warren. Warren's lawyers to have the libel action postponed until the completion of criminal

ordered after an hour-long a very large sum which has not hearing that only his ruling on yet been paid by Mr Warren." the application could be re-

was suggested to him when questioned that he had a motive to commit a criminal offence against Mr Warren because of the libel which, if he lost, he stood to have a substantial financial award against him.

If that is right, then it seems to me a good reason in itself why that question should not be thrashed out in civil proceedings before a criminal case is heard."

Mr Marsh, wearing a multicoloured track suit, con-

Jailbreaker

and lover

get total

of 13 years

David McAllister, the high-

security prisoner who per-

suaded a prison teacher to

help him escape, was sen-

tenced yesterday to a further

provided him with a gun, and Pauline Hardy, a prison teacher with whom McAllister

had an affair while in jail, were

Hardy, an English teacher, had smuggled the gun to him in Hull Jail and staged a bomb hoax at a supermarket to allow

Hardy, aged 38, of Chancer St, Hull, was sentenced to a

total of five years for assisting

escape, smuggling the gun and staging the bomb hoar. Carlin,

aged 34, from Gary Place,

Hallglen, Falkirk, was sen-

tenced to 21/2 years for provid-

Judge Barker described sec-

urity at the special segregation

unit at Hull Jail, from where

escape was carried out with

great ease. They [Hardy and

McAllister] walked through open doors. Phone calls were

Mr Paul Worsley, for the prosecution, said that McAll-

ister had planned to escape to

Australia and had told Hardy

During their affair they used

Mr Timothy Bubb, for

to meet in the the chapel of the

prison, where Hardy had

McAllister, said that his client

had wanted to escape to see

his grandparents before they

died and to visit his sick father

later after an armed raid on a

house in Morden, Surrey.
The court was told that the

escape had been McAllister's

third jail-break. A former

heroin addict and violent

criminal he had been in and

out of jail since 1973. He had

been expelled from school for

violent behaviour at 15.

He was recaptured five days

she could join him there.

worked since 1981.

him time to escape.

ing the gun.

unsupervised."

eight years in jail.

weight champion made a 15minute speech from prepared

notes, opposing the applica-tion made on behalf of Mr Warren - who was not in court - for the libel case not to go ahead on Monday. The judge said it had been pointed out that if Mr Marsh won the libel case, he was

"He (Marsh) submits that there is a real risk that he will proceedings was granted. sum. He suggests that there is an outstanding bill of costs for The judge ordered that the

ported and pointed out that libel case, arising out of reMr Marsh, aged 32, intended to plead not guilty to the attempted murder charge.

The judge added: "Mr gramme, should be postponed gramme, should be grammed gramme, should be grammed g Marsh makes the point that it until the end of the criminal proceedings. For one thing, he said, if the libel case went ahead it would mean that Mr Marsh, conducting his own defence, would inevitably be involved in "a face-to-face confrontation" with Mr War-

ren during cross-examination. Reluctantly, the judge said, he felt the criminal charges should be dealt with first because the plaintiff and defendant were the same in both cases and even if the civil case went ahead with reporting restricted until the considering an appeal.

leaks"

Mr Justice Davies said the libel allegation was being con-tested by Mr Marsh on the grounds that his remarks were true and that, anyway, Mr Warren was aware of the substance of the comments and had consented to their being broadcast. Mr Warren, the judge said, did not agree with those defences.

The judge said that after the alleged libel "an incident occnot be able to recover this urred between Mr Warren, it is said, and Mr Marsh, It is alleged by the Crown that Mr Marsh attempted to kill Mr Warren. That, of course, is a very serious charge and Mr Marsh is in costody now."

Mr Warren's counsel had argued that the libel case should be postponed because evidence given in the civil case could impinge on the criminal proceedings, and because Mr Warren was not yet fit enough to appear in court to give evidence. The judge said the medical certificate produced in court did not justify the second claim.

The judge described the fact that Mr Marsh is unlikely to stand trial before the end of this year as "a melancholy state of affairs". Mr Henri Brandman, Mr Marsh's solicitor, said after-

wards that the boxer was

Miss Marina Ogilvy, the daughter of Princess Alexandra and Sir Augus Ogilvy, and Mr Paul Mowatt after their marriage at St Andrew's, Ham, near the home of the bride's parents in Richmond Park, west London, yesterday.

As a royal wedding it made up in friendship and informality what it lacked in pomp and circumstance and thus brought an uncontentious end to what had threatened to become a bitter family rift (Robin Young writes). Last automn

Miss Ogilvy, who stood 24th in line to the threne, was involved in a dispute with

Yesterday, Princess Alexandra and her husband made good their denial, expressed in a statement from St James's Palace, that they had cut off their daughter and said that they would always welcome her at hos

They were, though, the only members of the Royal Family to attend the wedding. The bride arrived in a white her with a kiss.

closed doors by the Rev David Moore, vicar of Ham, who said that he had no qualus about according a church wed-

Rover police car five minutes late and was greeted outside the church by her

ng to someone who was known to be

Afterwards, Princess Alexandra told the waiting crowd that it had been "a very happy wedding".

Court of Appeal ruling

Judge Pickles criticized as young mother is set free

Judge Pickles, the outspoken order on Miss Bull, on concircuit judge who has been dition that she undergo jailing of women. Mr Barry censured for describing the psychiatric treatment at St Sheerman, the home affairs "I believe this is only the tip release.

Miss Bull, was said to be too undergoing a fresh probation order.

However, Mr Ashurst said to be too undergoing a fresh probation order.

However, Mr Ashurst said to be too undergoing a fresh probation order.

Lord Chief Justice as "an ancient dinosaur", was yes-terday at the centre of a new controversy for jailing a pregnant woman for theft last

McAllister, aged 32, who is He said the mother of three, serving 191/2 years for armed who is a compulsive shoprobbery, arson, firearms oflifter, should go to prison fences and two previous esbecause "mercy had been capes, was sentenced by exhausted in her case". Grimsby Crown Court to

However, the Court of Apthree years in prison for staging a bomb hoax and a peal quashed her nine-month sentence yesterday on that ground that Judge Pickles had further five years for escaping. He also received a four-year been wrong to reject out of hand a medical report. It said jail term for two firearms offences to run concurrently. that Miss Wendy Bull, aged His accomplices in the 24, could be treated successescape, Rolph Carlin, a Glasfully for her compulsion. gow car salesman who had

The appeal judges sub- Judge Pickles: Dismissed stituted a two-year probation medical report out of hand.

Luke's Hospital, in spokesman, said Miss Bull, of Huddersfield.



Batley, West Yorkshire, who



jailed wrongly every day".

"I believe this is only the tip release. of the iceberg as twice as many prison than one would expect from the percentage of crime committed. Judges like Judge Pickles are sentencing women every day to inappropriate

The ruling on Miss Bull's sentence follows a similar decision last month in the case of Miss Tracey Scott.

Miss Scott, aged 19, the mother of a four-month-old baby, was given a six-month jail sentence for theft by Judge Pickles, which was replaced on appeal by a two-year probation order amid criticism by Lord Lane, the Lord Chief Justice.

After yesterday's hearing successfully treated while on its contents.

of the iceberg as twice as many women are being sentenced to Judge Pickles had not been informed that she was pregnant. Miss Bull was sentenced at Leeds Crown Court on November 24 last year after admitting four charges of theft and the breach of a two-year

probation order. Miss Bull's counsel, Mr Stephen Ashurst, told Lord Justice Lloyd, Mr Justice Tudor Evans and Mr Justice Hidden, that Judge Pickles had adjourned sentencing for the preparation of a psychiatric report. The report blamed her compulsive shoplifting and overeating on anxiety and depression, and recommended she could be so that he could be questioned

Judge Pickles "was entirely dismissive of the report. He told Miss Bull that her past experiences had led her to believe that the courts would not be firm with her."
Mr Ashurst said the judge

had decided that Miss Bull's desire to stop stealing - she was frightened to go shopping alone - was bogus, and he did not think it could be treated.

Mr Justice Tudor Evans described how the Miss Bull had stolen toys and clothing worth a total of £250. He said if Judge Pickles doubted the validity of the medical report, he should opportunity to give evidence

important series by Tom Bower on the decline of **British industry**

Money to buy car

yesterday's £4,000 Portfolio

said he will use his £2,000 share to buy a car.

"I have been doing Port-folio since it started and filled in my entry religiously every day. I had convinced myself I had to win some-

The other winner was Mrs

Suspicion of affair led to manslaughter

By a Staff Reporter

horse breeder and a young forget about that, which one woman at the Gleneagles would you have?" woman at the Gleneagles Mark Phillips Equestrian Centre in Scotland ended with the man being shot dead by the divorcee with whom he

Patricia Turner, aged 36, learned of her lover's attach-McAllister escaped, as "appalling". He said: "The ment with the young woman after listening to a telephone conversation. Yesterday she was sent to prison for five years by the High Court in Edinburgh after pleading in the back of the head from a guilty to culpable homicide.

The court heard that Turner suspected that Mr James Stocks, a 58-year-old horse and dog breeder, had begun an affair with the younger woman, who was connected to theequestriancentre, which was opened near the five-star hotel

in June 1988. Mr Stocks denied that he was involved with the 24-yearold woman, but Turner, who worked as a groom, overheard a telephone conversation between him and a friend in which he said: "It is a terrible thing me trying to keep these young women off me. I am having an awful job as there is one lassie desperate to get in,

and I can't get the other one "Yes, Pat is still on the the man she loved," he told

scene. Both of them are good the court.

A romantic liaison between a workers in the yard, but if you

Turner, who believed she was expecting Mr Stocks's child at the time, realized she could no longer trust him. She confronted him, but he walked out of the back door. She picked up a 4.10 shot-

gun which she kept behind the door of their home at caldy, Fife, and fired it into range of six feet. He was dead on arrival at hospital.

Turner was originally charged with murder, but the charge was later reduced to culpable homicide. Mr Alex Pollock, for the

prosecution, said: "The Crown accepts that the shooting was not premeditated." Mr Charles Boag-Thomson,

QC, for the defence, said that

Turner did not know the gun was loaded, and was carrying it at hip level when she fired into the gloom. "She was completely devastated at the realization that

someone who meant so much to her could lie in such a way. At that stage her reasoning snapped. She cannot accept that she caused the death of

tion them.

Dental school asks for evidence of racial bias

ities said vesterday.

In a statement following student claims of racism at the school, the university said it regarded the allegations "in the gravest terms".

dental school will be urgently the matter has been hindered investigated if evidence sup- by the refusal of the students porting the allegations is pro-duced, the university author-their identities to the

The controversy began some weeks ago when four students approached their adviser of studies with claims of racism within the department. Students at the dental While they agreed that the school, which is regarded as a matter should be referred to school, which is regarded as a matter should be referred to Another allegation is that centre of excellence, have the dean of the faculty of seven of the 18 who failed

Claims of racial discrimina- end-of-term examinations. to him. The university says it tion at Glasgow University's However, a full inquiry into dental school will be urgently the matter has been hindered unless formal statements are to him. The university says it cannot investigate the claims black, and one white, but only the urged the students to do so immediately. made by the students.

In one instance, students claim that 17 out of 18 of those who failed the degree examination last June were black. The university, however, says that 17 students failed the exam that it believes to be in question, of whom 10 were non-Caucasian.

were allowed to resit their alleged that black students medicine, they were not pre- were allowed to resit their bearing on this issue has not correct cha

The university says that 17 were allowed to resit their examinations. Five failed portant to ensure that there is again, four of them black. The five achieved only G-grades, authorities, "indicates a catastrophic failure".

spokesman for the regret that any individual.

He added: "While the university regards it as imno discrimination against students on any grounds, it is which, according to the equally important that such allegations against staff are substantiated or withdrawn."

The authorities say they are university said yesterday: "We now concerned that publicity may increase the reluctance of who may have information students involved to use the bearing on this issue has not correct channels to make a

Patients urged to query bills

By David Sapsted

overcharging by private hos-pitals came to light yesterday, including an admission by the needs some effort by people to supplies. country's best-known clinic challenge and, if necessary, publicize the charges being made. They should write to that it made a £750 error on an £835 bill for drugs.

Mr Julian Stainton, head of their MPs and to The Times. one of the country's largest "Market forces do not seem medical insurance firms, the adequate to control these Western Provident Association (WPA), whose survey earlier this week found cottons dreis, who seem to have found a marvellous form of swabs being charged at £168 creative accounting. Unfortunately, it is the public that and aspirins at £2 each, said ends up paying, in the form of that patients shocked by the insurance premiums increasthe size of bills should quesing 20 per cent a year."

A Times reader, Mr Alick Medical insurers fear that £835 justead of £83 for theatre Benham, from Bath, who the burgeoning numbers of drugs."

More instances of massive discovered that £165 charged private clinics are keeping overcharging by private hos- for medical supplies by a clinic down room costs by marking pitals came to light yesterday, for tests on his wife should up the price of "invisibles", actually have been £8, said: "It especially drugs and medical

> Documents obtained by The Times show that in one case at the London Clinic last November, a patient who stayed three nights was charged a total of £2,037, including £255 a night for a room and £835 for "theatre drags, etc."

WPA queried the bill and asked for a breakdown of the theatre drugs components. Last mouth the clinic replied: We inadvertently charged

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What is the story behind Britain's record trade deficit of £20.3 million? Why have industries in which this country led the world 20 years ago slipped from our grasp?

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Mr Anthony Brindley, of Swansea, West Glamorgan,

time," he said.

Gladys Bates, of Northolt,

NEWS ROUNDUP

Third bomb hits 'flagship' centre A bomb exploded in the heart of Belfast city centre yesterday

The bomb was smuggled into the building site of the Castlecourt complex in Royal Avenue during the afternoon A warning was given and the area evacuated. The Royal Ulster Constabulary said there were no casualties but one person was taken to hospital after suffering a suspected heart

It was the third attack on the site, which the Government has dubbed a flagship to regenerate a run-down area of the

city centre. Last year a bomb exploded on a crane being used on the complex. Another bomb caused extensive damage during building work.

Two soldiers were killed when their military van was involved in a head-on collision with a lorry between Omagh and Cookstown in Co Tyrone. The lorry driver was detained in hospital but the RUC said he was not seriously injured.

New staff for RSPB

The Royal Society for the Protection of Birds will take on 10 new full-time staff in Scotland during the next year. It says the appointments reflect the increasing importance of conservation north of the border. A number of part-time seasonal workers will also be recruited. In recent years, birdwatching has been more popular than ever, and the society has substantially increased its Scottish land-holding. It purchased Abernethy forest on Speyside for £1.8 million.

£2,500 libel award

Mr Ken Bates, chairman of Chelsea Football Club, was yesterday awarded £2,500 libel damages by a High Court yesterday awarded 12,500 inter damages by a High Court jury over a newspaper article portraying him as a scrooge. The award to Mr Bates, of Amersham, Buckinghamshire, over an article in the Daily Mirror, was described as "sensible" by Mr Justice Michael Davies. Mr Bates sued Mr Harry Harris, a sports writer, Mr Keith Fisher, sports editor, and Mirror Group Newspapers, the publishers.

Sheriffs join bench

Two new sheriffs were officially welcomed to the bench at Edinburgh Sheriff Court yesterday. Sheriff Andrew Bell was called to the Bar in 1975 and appointed sheriff at Hamilton in 1979. He has served on the bench at Glasgow Sheriff Court for the past five years. Sheriff John Horsburgh was called to the bar in 1965 and appointed a Queen's Counsel in 1980. He was appointed as an Advocate-Depute to the High

Marquess sells Virage

A fortnight after being banned from driving for three years for refusing to provide police with a blood sample, the Marquese of Bristol has decided to sell his new £120,000 Aston Martin Virage (John Shaw writes). He was the first person in the country to own one of the exclusive hand-built cars. The car will be auctioned at Lord Bristol's home, Ickworth House, just outside Bury St Edmunds, Suffolk, on February 9 and is estimated to fetch up to £500,000.

Judge's plea rejected

Mr Colin Hart-Leverton, QC, a crown court recorder who says he was maliciously prosecuted on a kerb-crawling charge, yesterday failed in a High Court application to see documents about a disciplinary hearing against one of the accusing officers. Mr Hart-Leverton, whose conviction has been quashed, is seeking damages against the Metropolitan Police Commissioner. He was refused leave to "leap-frog" the Court of Appeal and take the issue to the House of Lords.

of new Navy helicopter may be £40m

mittee says the company

should not expect production

orders before it is clear that the

development in its specific Royal Navy shape is likely to

The committee also criti-

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cizes the MoD for indecision

on whether the troop-carrying version of the EH101 would

considering the requirement

for support helicopters in the mid-1970s and the matter

"Indeed, the MoD have in

the past contributed to their own difficulties, as a result of

their inability to bring them-

Nineties and beyond could be

stated, and thus a firm requirement determined."

istry to reconsider its particip-ation in the four-nation A-129 light attack helicopter and buy

ready experiencing diffi-culties" and the Army

appeared to need a bigger and more heavily armed attack

The prospects for the pro-

Liberal Democrats and MP for Yeovil, where Westland is based, said it was vital for Mr

nounce firm orders for Mcr-

"Any further delay will

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the US Apache aircraft.

The report urges the min-

needed urgent resolution.

be ordered by the RAF.

The development costs of a helcopters, the select comhelicopter programme crucial to the survival of Westland have soared by £500 million, bringing the prospect that each of the Royal Navy's machines could cost £40 million, a report said yesterday.

It blamed much of the increase on additional requirements demanded by the Ministry of Defence and said that the development programme might have to continue much longer before

firm orders were placed.

In a report which criticizes the Ministry of Defence's role in the £2 billion development of Westland's EH101 helicopter, the House of Com-mons Defence Select Commmons Defence Select Comm-ittee says that the project's their philosophy for mobility success is far from assured. on the battlefields of the vated by more effective contract incentives was needed.

The report says that the EH101, a joint venture be-tween Westland and Agusta of Italy primarily to meet the anti-submarine warfare requirements of the British Although the programme for developing the A-129 was at an early stage, the committee says that it was "aland Italian navies, is a year behind schedule. Deliveries to the Royal Navy will be de-layed until the mid-1990s.

The Navy wants the helicopter, to be called the Merlin, to replace the Sea King, which has been in service since 1969. The report blames the rise

in costs on re-specified work gramme being completed without further delay did not on integrating the aircraft's sensors and electronics delook good. The committee doubted whether UK requiremanded by the MoD. It adds: ment for a light attack heli-copter needed an essentially "This additional expenditure seems to be excessive as well as disproportionate to the rest of the development cost." new programme. Last night Mr Paddy Ashdown, the leader of the

It would be essential that the changes were performed 'under tight manag contractual controls". The report issues the warn-

Tom King, the Secretary of State for Desence, to aning that higher costs could cause the MoD to reduce "worse, it could prompt the Government to threaten export orders, waste question the viability of the entire programme".

more money and weaken Brit-ain's defence," he added. Although Mr Alan Jones, the chief executive of West-The Procurement of the EH101 Helicopters and the Light Attack Helicopters (Stationery Office; £7.400) land, wants to see the ministry place firm orders for 50

MPs say cost Vital operation for Soviet baby



Fyodor Abramovich, aged 13 months, with his mother Elena, arriving at Heathrow airport.

Soviet Union, accompanied by his mother, has arrived in-London for a life-saving opera-tion at the Hospital for Sick Children, Great Ormend Street, London, next week. Fund-raising by Mr Jam

Butterwick, a young British art gallery assistant, has made the operation possible for

Mr Butterwick, aged 27, who works at the Rey Miles. Gallery in London, studied in Minsk in 1985 and became good friends with his Russian room-mate. Last year, his friend wrote to tell him of the plight of his neighbours, Mrs-Elema Abramovich and her-husband Sacks and their son, who has a heart defect.

Mr Butterwick said: "The operation was not available in Russia, and it is a life or death

A total of £23,000 was needed for the operation, so. Mr Butterwick set up a fund. So far he has raised half the

Mrs Abramovich, a secretary aged 26, is staying at the children's hospital, where her son is undergoing tests. She said she was grateful to the people who helped her to come to Britain.

She attributed her son's ' condition to the Chernobylaliving 90 miles away at the time. "I will never have any more children because I think they will also be affected as a

Mrs Abramovich said the effects were only now beginchildren with diseases, es-pecially blood disorders, had ... increased by half.

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Ford on brink of damaging strike

By Tim Jones, Employment Affairs Correspondent

Ford faces a damaging all-out strike from Monday by its skilled electricians unless it The company's plant at agrees to union demands to Halewood, Merseyside, is alimprove substantially the 10.2

per cent pay offer which the 8,000 workers laid off because majority of the 32,000 workforce has voted to accept. The company would only

say yesterday that it was puzzled by the decision by shop stewards representing more than 1,500 members of the Electrical, Electronic, Telecommunications and Plumbing Union (EETPU). Senior managers have given

a warning that disputes could EETPU members last week which could add £54 to the lead to a move to block any rejected the offer and voted by £24 a week already on offer

668 to 375 for a strike. from the 10.2 per cent basic big new investment pro-According to some estimates, Ford has already lost production valued at £170 million because of unofficial disputes ready at a standstill, with over the overall pay claim.

plants.

of an unofficial strike by 600 maintainance engineers which has also affected production of vans at the Southampton About 150 maintenance men at the Dagenham engine

plant are also on unofficial strike. Yesterday's decision by 50 shop stewards came after the extra allowance of 10 per cent,

As part of its strategy to achieve radical improvements in productivity the company is offering additional allowances to workers who want to

join elite teams maintaining

company's most automated

The reward would be an

are opposing the introduction of the teams because there has been no consultation. They are trying to ride roughshod over us and enough is

rate rise. Last night, a spokes-

man for the EETPU said: "We

All companies, he said, had a shortage of craftsmen and Ford had to recognize the the robots operating in the contribution they made.

The electricians work mainly on maintenance at the company's 21 plants so the impact of their strike will depend on the severity of

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Employment training

Thatcher hosts job skill talks

By Nicholas Wood, Political Correspondent

chaired a Downing Street or both. Britain consistently meeting on job training, thus does poorly in international highlighting ministerial con-comparisons of training and cern that the economy may be hamstrung by a lack of skilled manpower in the 1990s.

Some 20 businessmen, academics and representatives of local authorities and training agencies were joined at the seminar by seven ministers including Mr Michael Howard, the Secretary of State for Employment, Mr Kenneth Baker, Conservative Party chairman, and Mr John Mac-Gregor, the Secretary of State for Education and Science.

Government sources said the purpose was to update ministers on developments in training programmes.

The meeting came as Labour renewed its assault on the Government's training record, and as concern increases among ministers at the incapacity of the workforce to meet international competition. Further official initiatives are expected in coming months.

The employment and education departments are working on a plan from the Confederation of British Industry involving training vouchers for school-leavers, which would divert taxpayers moncy from subsidizing wages into training.

A recent Department of Employment report found Mr Howard: Discussing Mr McLeish: Critical of the that six million workers are

comparisons of training and education standards.

Meanwhile, Labour warned of a growing skills gap, and called for concerted action.

Mr Henry McLeish, an track, and the drive to restructure our industrial base, introduce new technology and

ductivity could falter on a shortage of confident, competent and competitive workers." He said that a Labour retail units, offices, a petrol

government would create a station and 70 houses.



progress on job training.

The Prime Minister yesterday either illiterate or innumerate "labour market strategy" to solve short-term skills shortages and in the longer term to improve the skills of people in work. A national training agency, partly funded by a levy on employers and partly by government and the EC,

would direct the policy. Opposition frontbench employment spokesman, told a of traineeships for young London conference: "Unless people not going into higher people not going into higher the United Kingdom moves to education, in which the trainclose this human capital defi-cit, the economy will be courses to gain qualifications. shunted on to a lower growth Four hundred new jobs will be created in Mrs Thatcher's home town, Grantham in Lincolnshire, if plans for a 16sustain improvements in pro- acre development are approved. The scheme, for Autumn Park off Dysart Road, includes industrial and



Government's record.

Airline collapse fuels carriers' fears

As more than 300 passengers stranded by the collapse of British Island Airways were transferred to other airlines for their journeys home yesterday, fears were growing that a number of other small charter carriers may be facing severe financial difficulties.

The dramatic collapse of the holiday market this summer means that the equivalent of 50 Boeing 737s will no longer be needed. As a result, airlines are trying to shed spare capacity to ensure they stay afloat.

Larger airlines, such as Air Europe and Britannia, have comparatively few problems because their parent com-

spectively – are placing con-tracts with them directly, summer period, as opposed to rather than using small, independent operators. Over the past few weeks there has been a slight

improvement in the number of bookings, but at least 25 per cent fewer people have committed themselves to buying holidays in the sun than at the same time last year.

It is estimated that 9,500,000 to 10 million people will go abroad this summer. compared with 12,500,000 last year.

panies - International Leisure mated, that the industry will mean that they will be cut out and Thomson Holidays reneed the equivalent of only of the tour operators' plans. the 220 used last year.

Ironically, this should mean higher profits for tour operators and airlines. At least 20 per cent of holidays sold last year were below cost as operators battled for market share. This year, the discounts have been dropped so that tourists pay a realistic price.

Charter operators have leased highly expensive aircraft in the hope of grabbing a share of the British holiday market, but the drop in book-This will mean, it is esti- ings will almost certainly

Charter operators from mainland Europe are likely to be particularly hard hit. Some tour operators are

already seeking smaller aircraft, and there is greater demand for Boeing 737s than, for example, DC10s and 747s. Meanwhile it is estimated that 3,000 people who have booked to fly with British

Island Airways will have little difficulty in rearranging their holidays through the trade association ABTA. They were advised to contact their local travel agents for help.

Mr Gerry Adams MP, the

address the conference this

evening and is expected to

He is also likely to allude to so-called IRA "mistakes", which have killed 33 people

since the Enniskillen bombing

and are blamed by many

well as northern Ireland.

BIA assets, page 19

the future The 1990s will be the most

challenging decade the busi- ... ness community has ever ... confronted, as the world -experiences a global economic

Companies in America, Europe (which will soon be the world's largest market) and the newly wealthy nations of Asia will compete to exploit " new opportunities. Women will rise to positions of power.

This is one of the themes of . Megatrends 2000, an important new book by John Naisbitt and Patricia Aburdene which spotlights the major social, economic, political and technological changes that are likely to shape the Nineties.

Starting tomorrow, a series in The Sunday Times magazine reports on the 10 gateways to the 21st century identified in Megatrends

Tomorrow it concentrates on the new role of women, and looks at the careers of 20 women who have reached the top of British business.

recent elections in southern as Women missed out on the industrial age, say Naisbitt and Aburdene, but in America they have already established ... themseives in the industries of . the future.

> "To be a leader in business today, it is no longer an advantage to have been socialized as a male,"

The magazine also continues its series on Classic Cars, and The Sunday Times sticker collection of the 100 great cars of the world. How can one Mini be worth £500 and another £50,000? Why did an Aston Martin DB5 sell for 🖫 £200.000 when an identical car would have made only £15,000?

Find the answers in The Sunday Times tomorrow.

CORRECTION)

In yesterday's table of Army pay the second column should C have shown rates applicable from January 1, 1991, not April 1990 as stated.

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> CUNARD COUNTESS

Sinn Fein rejects ceasefire suggestion By Edward Gorman, Irish Affairs Correspondent The Provisional IRA's cam- that the IRA would have to their opposition to the Anglo- 11.3% of the vote in local

paign of violence will continue declare a ceasefure before it Irish Agreement. He added government polls in Northern was invited to the conference that this strategy would "ul- Ireland last year.

table was unacceptable.

until Britain withdraws from Ulster and invites Sinn Fein to the conference table, the annual Sinn Fein Party Conference in Dublin was told last

Mr Sean MacManus, the party chairman, spoke in his opening address of the "bravery and ingenuity" of IRA units which, he said, could never be defeated even after 21 years of struggle. He said Mr Peter Brooke, Secretary of State for North-ern Ireland, had admitted as

much, but his precondition

talks.

the imposition of preconditions," Mr MacManus said. He added that a British statement of intent to leave Ireland would be a prerequisite for lasting peace and for the inclusion of Sinn Fein in any

"We are prepared to talk to

the majority of the nationalist Mr MacManus accused Mr Brooke and Mr Charles

"If some deal to stabilize the party president, is due to anyone at any time without six county state can be cobbled together between the unionists and the Social dwell on the party's failure to Democratic and Labour Par-expand its electoral base in ty, such a deal is doomed because it would overlook the wishes and lack the consent of

timately fail".

people, who are represented. by Sinn Fein." Mr MacManus's claim is

Haughey, the Irish Prime hardly borne out by the fig-minister, of trying to tempt ures, which show that the Fein's failure to increase its Ulster Unionists away from party managed to draw only share of the vote.

with my plans to write a book and n politics." The Government's anofficial public-sector pay policy received its first

The decision by the executive of the National Association of Schoolmasters/Union of Women Teachers came less than 24 hours after the Government announced public-sector pay rises averaging 7.9 per cent.

In common with other groups including the armed forces, doctors, dentists, nurses, and top civil servants, the teachers will get the rise in two stages - 7 per cent from April and the rest on January 1, 1991.

The NAS/UWT, which represents

Lawson's bank salary sparks strike ballot call which I am delighted to join, fits well rise that helps them to live with the inflation and mortgage interest rises sympathetic as he was once a member of our union".

By Tim Jones and Neil Bennett

Furious bank employees besieged ballet over pay yesterday as the outcry over the reported £200,000 salary being given to Mr Nigel Lawson as a director and part-time consultant at Barclays Bank spread to the

Barclays refused to disclose Mr Lawson's exact salary although Sir John Quinton, the bank's chairman, said on BBC radio that £200,000 was well in excess of the real figure.

As Labour MPs attacked the deal, with one describing it as "obscene", the Banking Insurance and Finance Union said the news had considerably hardened its members' attitude to the bank's 7.75 per cent pay offer and its intention to remain open for more hours a week. Mr John Brawley, the union's assistant secretary, said: "Barclays can afford to pay an ex-Chancellor

£1,000 a day for his two days of work a

week, but can barely offer staff a pay

he has cansed.

"Mr Lawson is in favour of oductivity deals. Our members are highly productive and should get a better pay deal than 7.75 per cent." Mr Brawley said union members had jammed the switchboard since the incement was made to demand an industrial action ballot.

The union, which is claiming increases of £300 plus 12 per cent from February 1, has written to Mr Lawson inviting him to become a part-time member for £2.05 a month and to join its campaign against low pay. It is also concerned that the pay offer could lead to salary cuts in some

cases as it is linked to a new grading

structure and profit-sharing scheme. Mr Brawley said the bank paid thousands of part-time employees less than £5,000 a year, including London weighting. He said Mr John Major. who succeeded Mr Lawson as Chancellor of the Exchequer, "should be Some Labour MPs, including Mr

Tony Bean, yesterday tabled a Commons motion saying they were "ap-palled" at the annual salary to be received by Mir Lawson "while moonlighting as an adviser to, and board member of, Barciays Bank". The motion adds: "He is doing this

when in receipt of a full parliamentary salary which all ambulance men and women would only dream of when working their long and seemingly thankless hours." Mr Chris Smith, the shadow Treasury spokesman, said: "He appears to have wasted no time at all in securing the sort of post in the City for which

we know he has been angling for

several years now." He is planning to

arge the Government to look at the rules that exist for former ministers taking jobs in industry immediately after their resignations. Mr Lawson said: "This part-time job with a leading financial house.

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challenge yesterday when lenders of 118,000 state school teachers an-nounced plans for industrial action over their 8.3 per cent pay award (Douglas Broom writes).

almost a third of the 400,000 teachers in England and Wales, claims phasing will reduce the real value of the award to 7.3 ner cent.

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By Frances Gibb Legal Affairs Correspondent

The Lord Chancellor has been told by his own watchdog body on legal aid that his proposals to increase consumer choice in legal services, now going through Parhament, could damage the service for the legally-aided client

in its annual report, the Lord Chan-cellor's advisory committee on legal aid welcomes the aim of the proposals to increase consumer choice. But it fears the proposals could cut the quality and accessibility of services for legally-aided clients by reducing the network of solicitors offices and the availability of barristers prepared to do legal aid work.

The committee appeals for the proposals not be implemented until the Government "ensures that there will be no less of service to the poorer client".

Bill, big financial institutions will be allowed to offer conveyancing services to

It is likely that many solicitors' firms, particularly smaller ones, would be unable to reach the potential clients before the institutions or "match the convenience of a one-stop approach", the committee says.

"If this proves to be the case, some firms may disappear altogether and others may shed their less profitable but time-consuming work so as to develop Other areas of practice."

In either case, the report adds, "it is likely to become more difficult for the legally aided client to find a solicitor to act for him or her".

The committee is also concerned about the effects such a contraction in scheme for suspects in police stations. It says the scheme is under strain and if the Government's proposals damage the network of smaller firms, then 24-hour cover could break down in some areas.

The committee also expresses concern about the Lord Chancellor's proposal to widen solicitors' advocacy rights. It predicts that over the years the overall size of the Bar would be reduced. perhaps leading to a decline in the quality of service, affecting the legally aided client.

Fewer independent barristers would mean "a smaller pool for solicitors to choose from, especially if access to employed advocates is restricted", the committee says.

If the main impact of the proposals was initially on the younger members of the Bar, the legally-aided client was most likely to be affected because legal aid work was traditionally done by younger

The committee says of proposals to allow lawyers to do cases on a "no win, no fee" basis that such schemes should be seen as a supplement to legal aid, not an alternative.

Other points of concern highlighted in the report include the fall in humbers of people eligible for legal aid and "the sharp increase in 1988/89" in the rate of refusal of legal aid in civil cases, on legal

• The Lord Chancellor is not expected to seek to overturn a victory achieved by the Law Society in the House of Lords on Thursday night which will require disclosure of commissions by banks and building societies offering conveyancing.

A spokesman from his department said yesterday that they did not object in principle to the amendment, on which the Government suffered its first defeat since the Courts and Legal Services Bill started its passage.

"Our view was simply what that this was a matter that was more appropriate to be left to regulation, rather than put into primary legislation."

The spokesman added that the Lord Chancellor would consider the change before deciding what course of action to take. But it is understood that he is not unduly concerned to seek to overturn it.

Under the amendment, proposed by Lord Mishcon for the Law Society, the big financial institutions who enter the conveyancing market will be bound, as solicitors now are, to disclose any commission they get for selling in-

Ward, president of the Law Society, said: This is a major improvement to the Bill, a vital protection for the public.

"Institutions offering conveyancing should be compelled to disclose and account for commissions, as solicitors đo.'

Most of the problems in the housing market in the past two years had been caused by institutions pressing their customers to take policies from which the institution would earn indisclosed income, he added

The change to the Bill is likely to be a big disincentive to those institutions from entering the conveyancing market.

39th annual reports of the Law Society and the Lord Chancellor's Advisory Committee on Legal Aid. (Stationery Office, £12.60).

Poll tax protesters threaten to obstruct debt warrant sales

By Kerry Gill

Campaigners against the com- sales are abhorrent to all good anywhere and everywhere munity charge yesterday dis-closed their intention Almost 500 000 physically to obstruct the collection of money owed by non-payers in Scotland.

Officials attempting to seize goods to pay off poll tax debts will be met by mass demonstrated to write to debtors explaining their position and strations of protesters, they said on the eve of a nationwide day of action against the

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Mr Kenny MacAskill, Scottish National Party spokesman on the poll tax, said that sheriff officers sent to hold warrant sales to recover debts would have to cross the path of an angry crowd before gaining entry to premises.

"They have to give at least 14 days' notice of their intention to hold such a sale," he said. "We will be advising people threatened with this situation to elect for the sale to Federation also threatened to be held in their house, as is

their right. "We will then organize a demonstration by mobilizing SNP activists and local people. Who is going to risk the wrath of an angry crowd?" Mr MacAskill said.

"The dealers going to war-rant sales are not going to face such a demonstration. They will feel there are richer pickings elsewhere and will simply

Almost 500,000 people in

Scotland are estimated to owe up to £200 million in outstanding debts. In the next few explaining their position and asking for payment. If it is not forthcoming the officers may institute the impounding or poinding procedure in which they visit homes to assess goods liable for sale in lieu of debt. A warrant sale could then be held.

Some councils have said that warrant sales will be used only as a last resort and will seek to have bank accounts or debts. wages arrested instead, However, this could prove pointless if non-payers are in overdraft or on social security.

The Scottish Anti-Poll Tax organize resistance on the doorsteps to poinding or warrant sales. In Strathclyde, Scotland's biggest region, sheriff officers are expected to begin pointing procedures against persistent non-payers

Mr Tommy Sheridan, chairman of the federation. pledged that members would obstruct sheriff officers. "The firms face an impossible task. not get involved. Warrant We know who they are, and penalized.

they go they will face a human barricade of opposition.

"Our network of contacts allows us to have a poll tax flying picket system, which weeks, sheriff officers will be will let us be at any door these individuals intend to visit," he said, adding that two sheriff officers could face up to 200 protesters on a single occasion. Attempting to gain entry to a home in the Easterhouse area of Glasgow would not be viewed by the officers with relish, Mr Sheridan said.

Another problem for the officers is the scale of the task they face. There are less than 200 of them to try and recoup

Today, the SNP will confront shoppers in Scotland's main towns with information about the best ways of frustrating collection. Mr MacAskill said: "People are receiving threatening letters. We want to make them aware of the true position by telling them their

• The Nottingham Anti-Poll

Tax Federation yesterday accused a Nottinghamshire council of intimidating people who refused to register for the tax, citing Gedling Borough Council's system of fining people £50 and then £200. So far, four people have been

copy book.

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were large companies.

Abandoned academy offerings for sale



The leftovers and rejects from Royal Academy summer exhibitions (above) are expected to become lucrative fundraisers at Bonhams in Knightsbridge west London, this afternoon (Sarah Jane Checkland writes).

The firm is auctioning 200 paint-ings abandoned either by discouraged artists who failed the selection process, or by purchasers who had second thoughts about their acquisitions. Works include "Lies written in

vearing a dishcloth on her head). Having spent the last year or two languishing in the cellars at Burling-

early Spring" by Laurence Vivian Garvey Porter (in which a naked

she floats in ectoplasmic space); "Heroa" by William Carr (a colourful

but crude portrait of this normally elegant bird), and "Gena in Yellow

Jacket" by Garry Knight (a homen

portrait whose subject appears to be

an bows her head in despair as

ton House, they have now passed the deadline until which the academicians uromised to store them. "Every effort has been made to trace

the owners of these pictures and sculptures, but without success, and under the conditions of entry to the Sammer Exhibition, the Royal Academy remains free to dispose of them," bams' catalogue says.

As a result, if Mr Paul Moses of Hertfordshire wants to claim his

"Untitled", a memorable painting of a muscular, scowling male node (for which, according to the painting's label, he originally wanted £15,000), he will have to go and bid for it.

This is the second such auction following the surprise sell-out of one two years ago. As it is raising funds for the Royal Academy's Benefactors' Fund, set up for "the relief of distressed artists", there will be no

Press Council rulings

Sunday newspapers top league for justifiable complaints

Britain's Sunday newspapers plaints were upheld against Press Council will be pub-have had more complaints national daily newspapers lished later this year. Times and The Times did not national daily newspapers lished later this year.

other sector of the press, according to a confidential rejected. Press Council report. An analysis of complaints against Sunday titles considered by the self-regulatory body during 1989 shows that 26 were upheld while only 17

In contrast, only 18 com-

The Press Council

publishing six times a week. A upheld against them than any further 24 complaints were

The Press Council received a record 1,484 complaints last year as public and par-liamentary concern increased over the behaviour of some newspapers and individual

The full findings of the

The People, News of the have any complaints upheld World and The Sunday Times against them during 1989. while the Daily Express had each had four complaints upheld while Sunday (the one sustained in part. News of the World magazine) Outside London the worst had three complaints susoffender was the Birmingham

tained, one in part. Only the Sunday Sun, based in Newcasthree complaints upheld by tle upon Tyne, had a clear the council. The growing public concern about journalistic standards is However, three daily titles, underlined by the way the Press Council's caseload has nearly tripled during the past

Evening Mail, which had

With 4.4 per cent more complaints received in 1989 than in the previous year, the council handled 1,871 cases (including some from 1988) an average of 36 a week. Adjudications were made in 142 cases.

Of the 1,483 cases disposed of during 1989, 9.6 per cent were adjudicated, 18.3 per cent were disallowed, 2.1 per the Government and headed by Mr David Calcutt, QC, is vacy from intrusions by newscent were judged to be outside examining the invasion of the council's remit, 3 per cent people's privacy by some sections. were conciliated, and the large tions of the press. It is due to individual citizen".

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Total remainder were not pursued report to Mr David Waddingor formed part of official Press ton, the Home Secretary, later Council inquiries.

this year after considering A committee appointed by what measures are needed to

House boom comes to end in Scotland By Kerry Gill and Christopher Warman

House prices in Scotland, prices are rising at 11 per cent particularly in the populous Central belt, have stabilized after the two-year boom.

The estate agents Slater, Hogg and Howison, who have 35 branches in central Scotland, reported that the middle range of housing, from £50,000 to £120,000, had been most affected by the rise in

Prices generally are still rising slightly above inflation, by up to 10 per cent. A typical three-bedroom semi-detached house in Glasgow is fetching between £70,000 and £80,000 compared with about £65,000

to £70,000 last January. Four-bedroomed detached properties in the better suburbs of Glasgow have risen from about £100,000 to £130,000 in the past year. The lower end of the market has remained buoyant with lowcost mortgages on offer to first-time buvers.

In Aberdeen, where the

a year, more than twice the UK average. Meanwhile, in parts of England where the housing market has been in the doldrums for 18 months, there are strong

signs of an imminent recovery, estate agents say. In the south of England prices have fallen by 10-20 per

cent and are beginning to prove attractive to buyers. The latest survey by the

Royal Institution of Chartered Surveyors reports increased activity in the East Midlands, East Anglia, London and the South-west, and detects a mood of "cautious optimism", predicting a gradual upturn around spring.

Mr Peter Thomas, RICS housing market spokesman, said: "We see evidence of some improvement but the market is finely balanced and fragile. Only time will tell whether the hopeful signs can be sustained." Interest from housing market was bedly hit first-time buyers should feed by the downturn in the oil through to the top of the industryin the mid 1980s, market.

Air show rules changed New rules for RAF display pilots have been introduced after the

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crash of a Phantom fighter in which the two-man crew died. The minimum height for the top of an aerobatic loop in a Phantom display has been raised to 6,000ft. The accident happened during rehearsals for a big air show at RAF Abingdon, Oxfordshire, in September 1988, as the Phantom from RAF Leuchars in Fife carried out a practice run with winds gusting up to 30 knots. The Ministry of Defence said no allowance appeared to have been made for the strong winds.

Life for rape Philip Ratcliffe, aged 28, who raped a woman of 78 after posing as a policeman to get into her home, was jailed for life at Leeds Crown Court.

Driver hunt

The driver of a stolen lorry who rammed a police patrol car, sending it 15st down an embankment of the A22 at Godstone Hill, Surrey, was being hunted by police.

Dog death ban A couple from Shipley, West Yorkshire, were banned from keeping a dog for five years and fined £150 after their

Rottweiler died from neglect.

Art attack An 80ft sculpture and mural inspired by the Cadre Idris peak, to be erected in central Birmingham, was described as a "hideous piece of graffiti" by Mr David Roy, a Conser-

vative councillor.

Toads spared The design of the new Halifax Building Society centre at Copley, Halifax, is to be adapted to avoid disturbing 4,000 toads on the site.

Lawyer fined Stewart Watt, an Edinburgh solicitor, was fined £140 at the city's sheriff court after admit-

ting hitting a cyclist with his car and failing to stop. Match clue

Dorset police are trying to identify a woman's body found on a Poole beach from a book of matches from a Berni Inn in Henley-on-Thames.

Name in vain

Mr Brian Osborn, a church organist in Worthing, West Sussex, has had to get the Japanese word processor used for printing hymn sheets reprogrammed after the "spelicheck" device altered Jesus to Jessica.

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PARLIAMENT

Minister declines to support debt payment Bill

A private Member's Bill to force government departments and large companies promptly to settle their debts fell in the Commons. The Government, regarded by the Bill's sponsor as one of the main culprits, declined to support it and it fell well short of mustering the support of the 100 MPs needed to close the debate.

Some Conservatives symptoms about 150 days had elapsed, and he devidence of 170-day periods.

Rolls-Royce had said that it would be delaying payments to suppliers by eight weeks. "But that is a unilateral breach of contract for which the small has no redress whatsoever."

The Government was not

The Government was not Some Conservatives argued that the Bill should cover all innocent, either. A veterinary surgeon had told him that the Ministry of Agriculture paid 30 Mr Michael Mates (East

days late as a matter of routine. Hampshire, C) moved second reading of the Interest on Debts Bill. He said that it would establish a statutory right to It was odd that the Government should publish a code of practice urging prompt settle-ment when it was not paying its own debts on time. "It insists interest on commercial debts owed by central and local that those of us who do not pay government, nationalized in-dustries and large companies. Small and medium-sized comour taxes or VAT on time are charged interest." The Bill would not burden panies would be excluded industry. It would be a oncebecause most of the late payers

and-for-all exercise flushing out the £57 billion owed in late Late payment of debts was a payments. scandal, and his Bill would Mr Henry McLeish, an Oppensure that those who did not osition spokesman on employ-ment, said that not only were meet their contractual liabilities would have to pay interest for their failure. large companies, Government and local authorities indulging

GEC was an outstanding in late payments, they were building it into their systems example of what was wrong among large companies. He had and institutions. had many complaints about this firm. Marcont, one of its subsidiaries, was not paying out until port, C) said that the British Mr Anthony Favell (Stock-



Mr Mates: The late payment of debts is a scandal.

Steel Corporation had been one of the worst offenders when it was in the public sector. Sir Charles Villiers had said that during his stewardship 500 suppliers out of a total of 2,500 had gone out of business because of late payments. Now that British Steel was privatized, payments were being made more promptly.

Mr James Couchman (Gillingham, C) said that GEC's bad payment record could be a result of contracting to the MoD for large contracts.

Late settlement was not nec-essarily confined to central and local government and to large ies. "It is almost endemic in the entire business

The Bill would adversely distort the relationship between contractor and supplier, and he was concerned that it would be an intervention in the market. Mr Ronnie Fearn, for the Liberal Democrats, said that people used to pay bills within 14 days but that had now stretched to 75 days - threatening the existence of many small sinesses. The Bill would go a long way to help and he sup-

Mr Tim Regar, Minister of State for Employment, said that the Government preferred the voluntary approach.

He believed that the Bill would, in practice, make little difference. The basic problem with late payment stemmed from the imbalance of negotiating strength between small and large businesses. It was likely to end in contract terms being extended or prices fixed to take account of the interest the firm would have to meet for late payment. The market would simply take account of the

"I am concerned when I hear late payment. The penalties bout large companies abusing were enforced on the small firm, about large companies abusing their power and deliberately delaying payments to suppliers. It is not a reasonable way to behave and not the way I believe that the majority of responsible companies do behave." There had been an improve-

"There is little firm evidence

to suggest that Government departments are actually bad payers...procedures have been enormously improved...and it is our firm policy that all payments are to be made on

The Government was not convinced that the Bill was the right way forward. Its doubts were shared by many of the small firms' organizations.

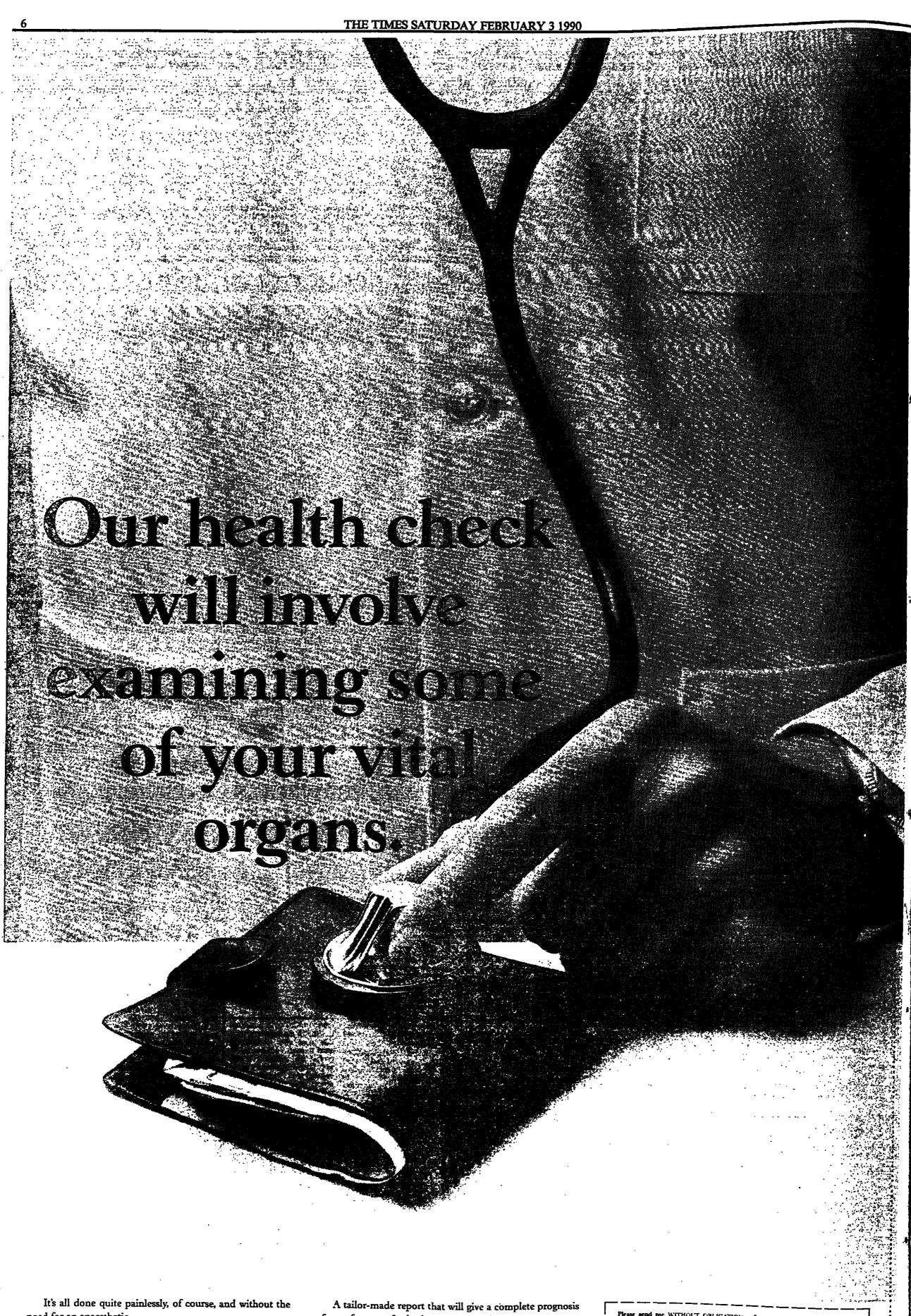
Mr Christopher Gill (Ludlow, C) supported the Bill. He said that the voluntary code had failed. Small companies were paying interest to banks in order to finance the debts to them of cash-rich customers who profited by investing in the money markets. It was questionable whether that was acceptable.

Mr Matthew Carrington (Fulham, C) said that large companies always had the whip hand. Bankers wrote into loan agreements penalty interest for

but not the big customer whom the bank did not want to lose. The Government should set a good example by paying promptly and requiring its suppliers The closure motion was carried by 52 votes to nil. ● The Road Traffic (Temporary

Restrictions) Bill was given an unopposed second reading. It extends the period for which highway authorities can impose temporary restrictions on traffic flow and ends the anomaly that licence endorsement and disqualification cannot be imposed for breach of temporary speed





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"The Government has not

removed the laws that con-

stitute the pillars of the sys-

was in sight, but now more

than ever before there was a

need to "intensify the struggle

national community, he said:

"Now is the time to pressure

the Government to move

rapidly towards democracy.

campaign must be intensified.

To lift sanctions now would be

to run the risk of aborting the

ANC and its supporters in-

dicated that the euphoria in

the townships may be short-

lived, and the anxieties of the

white right premature. Mr de

Klerk may have impressed

liberals on both sides of the

racial divide, but clearly the

ANC wants more before it is prepared to talk peace.

Diplomats were encouraged

by Mr de Klerk's speech, and

anticipated discreet pressure

by the African Frontline states

positively. "The onus is on the

ANC now," a western dip-lomat said. "They're going to

have to be careful they don't

end up looking like fools by

ranting up there (Lusaka) while they're free to operate

Conservative Party was ap-

parent from angry mutterings

from the opposition benches which forced Mr de Klerk to

briefly interrupt his speech

before repeating his

announcement on the ANC. A

party member later shrugged

off journalists with the terse

Buthelezi, leader of the conservative Inkatha move-

ment which is locked in a

bloody power struggle with ANC supporters in Natal, said

the speech was of great his-toric importance. "If blacks

now fail to bring about the

Mangosuthu

comment: "It's insanity".

The reaction of the far-right

down here.

Chief

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Addressing the inter-

on all fronts".

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Mr de Klerk's initiative pro-and the release of all political he said, "apartheid remains in prisoners, irrespective of their place." ships throughout South alleged crimes. Africa, qualified approval from the African National Congress (ANC), and fury in the ranks of the white rightwing.

A large crowd which had staged an anti-apartheid demconstration in Cape Town during the President's address Africa soon, but said the broke into ululations of joy matter was now under and danced in the streets when word spread that he had unbanned the ANC.

Within the hour, a huge cavalcade of cars flying ANC flags formed on the outskirts of the city for a victory parade through the surrounding townships. Unarmed policemen adopted a low profile, wand did not interven

Several young whites joined in the celebrations, sitting on the rooftops of cars and flourishing newspapers with banner headlines reporting Mr de Klerk's announcement.

Local newspapers were sold out within minutes of hitting

The Rev Allan Boesak, the president of the World Alliance of Reformed Churches and a fierce critic of the Government, was evidently caught up in the general enthusiasm. "It is much more than we expected," he said. "If he had given us any more, we wouldn't have known what to do with it all at one time."

The ANC response was more subdued, and made it clear there was no immediate prospect of negotiations with the Government. A spokesman for the organization in Harare welcomed the lifting of the ban as "an important victory for the people", but said other preconditions for

peace talks were unfulfilled. "Although several organizations have been unbanned, repressive measures can still be deployed against them, because the capacity is there in the terms of statutes." He said Mr de Klerk had ignored ANC demands in the Harare Declaration of last year for an iled "comrades" were unable end to the state of emergency to return home. "Above all,"

From Gavin Bell, Cape Town prisoners, irrespective of their place."

"The declaration was a package. De Klerk has taken pieces he likes, but there can be no negotiations until he addresses the package in its entirety." He declined to say whether ANC leaders in exile in Lusaka would visit South

Mr Zeph Mothopeng, the president of the smaller but more radical Pan Africanist Congress (PAC), said the only significance of the appounce. ment was that it would make it easier for his organization to operate. "To maintain the state of emergency because of the Natal violence is pure

Tomorrow The Sunday Times publishes The Road to Robben. Island, an exclusive extract from the authorized biography of Nelson Mandela, which tells the story of the dramatic events leading to Mandela's treason trial in which he was acquitted, his re-arrest and his imprisonment on other charges, and the final terrorism case that sent him to South Africa's fortress prison.

chicanery, because this conflict was caused by an oppressive system which divides and rules our people."

The ANC view was reflected at a press conference by the United Democratic Front, the organization's principal political surrogate in South Africa. Mr Patrick "Terror" Lekota, the publicity sec-retary, said: "Whilst we con-cede the boldness of some of the steps, we insist on the total fulfilment of the conditions contained in the Harare

Declaration." He said that as long as the state of emergency and related security legislation remained in force, anti-apartheid activists faced detention and imprisonment, and many ex-



An ANC supporter brandishing a wooden gun sits atop a statue of the statesman Jan Smats,

struggled for, they will only have themselves to blame." "marvellous sense of relief". future, but "the road to a nonradical change they have racial democracy looks to be that all organizations and

open." The Rev Allan persons now unbanned will Hendrickse, leader of the Dr Zach de Beer, a co-leader majority Labour Party in the of the opposition Democratic coloured (mixed race) House Party, said he had listened to of Representatives, said Mr de Mr de Klerk's speech with a Klerk had displayed courage. of Representatives, said Mr de "The Labour Party congrat-There would be setbacks in the ulates the President and will support him ... it is hoped

Perhaps the most telling remark came from Mr Murphy Morobe of the United

Democratic Front: "Today is very different from yesterday. We do not know what the

come forward to assist him."

reforms but demands more

From Christopher Mosey, Stockholm

Klerk's speech, but said he needed to go still further before the ANC would negotiate with him.

A statement issued by the delegation called on the South African President to free all political prisoners, lift the state of emergency and end detention without trial, measures of which he stopped short yesterday.

The statement also demanded the immediate release of Mandela. "Questions concerning his personal security cannot be, and are not, the exclusive concern of the South African regime. They must be decided together with his organization, the ANC," the statement said.

conducive to negotiations".

It welcomed the lifting of The delegation is to attend a the ban on the ANC and other massive anti-apartheid rally anti-apartheid organizations, tomorrow.

An African National Congress as well as the suspension of the delegation visiting Stockholm death penalty, the release of water Sisula, Nelson Mandela's right-hand man, yesterday welcomed President de

The statement said the ANC would "take urgent measures to review the new situation that has emerged, to determine the steps we have to take to move our country further forward towards finally ending the apartheid system*

At the same time it emphasized that sanctions against South African should remain in force. "The normalization of relations between South Africa and the rest of the world must continue to desystem," it said.

Mr Govan Mbeki, the ANC leader imprisoned in South Africa from 1963 to 1987 who read the handwritten state-ment, said it had been ap-The ANC delegation con-ceded, however, that Mr de proved by Mr Oliver Tambo, Klerk had gone "a long way the ANC's leader in exile, who towards creating a climate is recovering from a stroke at a the ANC's leader in exile, who nursing home near here.

Bush hints sanctions may be reviewed soon

From Martin Fletcher, Washington

President Bush welcomed move by the US ought to be. I President de Klerk's an- think when people move in if liberalization continues.

In his first reaction, given on board the presidential jet, Air Force One, he said he viewed the speech "positively, and I think most people around the world will".

He said he would have to discuss the lifting of sanctions with congressional leaders. "I want to see the development now of these policies and I want to talk to the various leaders involved and I'm sure we'll have a lot of debate and discussion inside the Admin-

nouncement yesterday and the right direction it is cerhinted that he might review tainly timely to review all sanctions against South Africa policy. We want to see the policy initiative go forward and the release of Mandela." NEW YORK: Señor Javier Pérez de Cuéllar, the United Nations Secretary-General, likened the news of changes in South Africa to "celestial music," saying he hoped it was the beginning of the end for apartheid (Reuter reports).

Questioned by reporters here he said: "What I have heard so far sounded to me like celestial music but I hope it is the beginning of a proces which will lead to the end of istration about what the next apartheid."

WORLD ROUNDUP

Kurdish refugees allege poisoning About 400 Iraqi Kurdish refugees were being treated

yesterday for poisoning in Diyarbakir in the south-east of Turkey, according to local authorities (Hazhir Teimourian, writes). It was the third alleged instance of mass poisoning of Kurds since they sought refuge in Turkey after fleeing Iraqi chemical attacks in the summer of 1988. The Kurds said that 200 of their number in the Diyarbakir refugee camp became seriously ill after eating poisoned bread, and that another 350 needed treatment. They suffered severe stomach pain, headaches and vomiting, they said.

The Kurds suspect Iraci agents of trying to force them to return home where they say they would face imprisonment, banishment and, in some cases, execution. Last June, when some 3,000 of the refugees were taken ill at the Mardin camp near the borders with Iraq and Syria, British scientists found traces of an organo-phosphate compound which is used in the manufacture of nerve gases. The results of their investigation are published today in The Lancel.

Saudis execute three

Riyadh (AFP) - A Saudi and two Thai nationals were beheaded in Saudi Arabia yesterday after being convicted on charges of rape and robbery or murder, Saudi television reported. Badr Abdallah al-Anzi, the Sandi, was sentenced to death by the sword under Islamic law for several robberies and the rape of three women, the report said. The Thais were beheaded for murdering fellow Thais, either in a robbery or after a dispute over money. More than 120 common-law criminals were executed in Saudi Arabia last year, but only five have so far been announced in 1990.

Liberian rebels killed

Monrovia (AFP) - Liberian troops killed eight rebels and captured a large quantity of arms, ammunition and documents between the rebel-held towns of Karnplay and Zogeway in northeastern Nimba County, a defence ministry statement said. The statement quoted Nimba troop commander Brigadier-General Moses Craig as saying the captured weapons were made in Eastern Bloc countries. But he did not name them. General Craig also said the documents seized indicated that rebels had undergone training in Libya for two years.

Rust freed on bail

Boan - Herr Mathias Rust, aged 22, who captured world headlines in 1987 when he flew a light aircraft to Red Square, was released yesterday on DM100,000 (£37,000) bail while awaiting trial for stabbing an 18-year-old student nurse who refused to kiss him last November (Ian Murray writes). The incident occurred in the cloakroom of an old people's home where Herr Rust, a conscientious objector, was doing civil service. He has been in prison since the offence. Police now believe there is no danger he will abscond.

Radiation leak danger

Toronto (Rester) - A videotape of the Soviet nuclear submarine which exploded and sank in the Norwegian Sea last summer shows that it may be leaking radiation, according to the Canadian Institute of Strategic Studies. The stricken vessel was carrying two nuclear-tipped torpedoes and two nuclear reactors when it sank after an explosion and fire, killing 42 of the 69 crew members. The videotape, filmed by a Soviet mini-submarine and obtained by a Canadian underwater explorer, gives the West its first look at the Soviet Navy's most sophisticated submarine.

Pirates kill policemen

Dhaka (AP) - A bandit disguised as a bridegroom, and his 24 accomplices, hijacked a river ferry, killed threepolicemen and escaped with their weapons, police said yesterday. The incident occurred on Thursday near Barisal, where the ferry began its night journey to Dhaka, 70 miles to the north, police said. Extracts from speech that could change a nation

'There is no time to delay the negotiating process'

and just constitutional dispensation in which every inhabitant will enjoy equal rights, treatment and opportunity in every sphere of endeavour constitutional, social and economic.

The collapse ... of the Marxist economic system in Eastern Europe ... serves as a warning to those who insist on persisting with it in Africa. Southern Africa now has an historical opportunity to set aside its conflicts and ideological differences and draw up a joint programme of reconstruction. It should be sufficiently attractive to ensure that the southern African region obtains adequate investment and loan capital from the industrial countries of the world. The Government believes that the obstacles in the way

states have now been removed. Hostile postures have to be replaced by co-operative ones; confrontation by contact; disengagement by engagement, slogans by deliberate debate.

of a conference of southern African

I wish to urge every political and community leader, in and outside Parliament, to approach the newopportunities which are being created, constructively. There is no time left for advancing new conditions that will delay the negotiating process. The steps that have been decided are the following: ● The prohibition of the African National Congress, the Pan African-ist Congress, the South African Communist Party and a number of

 People serving prison sentences merely because they were members

subsidiary organizations is

The Government will accord the process of negotiation the highest priority. The aim is a totally new offence which was merely an offence because a prohibition on one of the organizations was in force, will be identified and released. Prisoners who have been sentenced for other offences such as murder, terrorism or arson are not affected by this. The media emergency regulations as well as the education emergency regulation are being abolished in

their entirety. • The security emergency regulations will be amended to make provision for effective control over visual material pertaining to scenes of unrest.

• The restrictions in terms of the emergency regulations on 33

• The police are convinced they can combat violence without the aid of prohibitions 9

organizations are being rescinded. The organizations include the National Education Crisis Committee, South African National Students Congress, United Democratic Front

 The conditions imposed in terms of the security emergency regula-tions on 374 people on their release are being rescinded and the regulations which provide for such conditions are being abolished. • The period of detention in terms of the security emergency regula-tions will be limited henceforth to

six months. Detainees also acquire

the right to legal representation and

choosing. Implementation (of the decisions)

will be immediate. Events in the Soviet Union and Eastern Europe weaken the capability of organizations which were previously supported strongly from those quarters. The activities of the organizations from which the prohibitions are now being lifted, no longer entail the same degree of threat to internal security which initially necessitated the imposition of the prohibitions.

The South African Police is convinced that it is able, in the present circumstances, to combat violence and other crimes perpetrated also by members of these organizations and to bring offenders to justice without the aid of prohibitions on organizations

At the same time I wish to size that the maintenance of law and order dare not be jeopardized. Violence from whichever source, will be fought with all available might. Peaceful protest may not become the springboard for lawlessness, violence and intimidation.

On the state of emergency I have been advised that an emergency situation, which justifies these special measures . . . still exists. It is my intention to terminate the state of emergency completely as soon as circumstances justify it and I request the co-operation of everybody towards this end.

It is time for us to break out of the cycle of violence and break through to peace and reconciliation. The silent majority is yearning for this. The youth deserve it.

The agenda is open and the

aspiring should be acceptable to all reasonable South Africans. Among other things, those aims include a new, democratic constitution; universal franchise; no domination; equality before an independent judiciary; the protection of minorities as well as of individual rights; freedom of religion; a sound economy based on proven economic principles and private enterprise; dynamic programmes directed at

In this connection Mr Nelson Mandela could play an important part. The Government has noted that he has declared himself to be

better education, health services,

housing and social conditions for

Mandela has declared himself willing to make a contribution to peaceful change 9

willing to make a constructive contribution to the peaceful political process in South Africa.

I wish to put it plainly that the Government has taken a firm decision to release Mr Mandela unconditionally. I am serious about bringing this matter to finality without delay. The Government will take a decision soon on the date of his release. Unfortunately, a further short passage of time is unavoidable. Normally there is a certain passage of time between the decision to release and the actual release because of logistical and administrative requirements. In the

in the way of his immediate release, of which his personal circumstances and safety are not the least. He has not been an ordinary prisoner for quite some time. Because of that, his case requires particular

The allegation has been that the Government did not wish to talk to (black leaders) and that they were deprived of their right to normal political activity. The time for talking has arrived and whoever still makes excuses does not really wish to talk.

Therefore, I repeat my invitation with greater conviction than ever. Walk through the open door; take your place at the negotiating table logether with the Government and other leaders who have important power bases inside and outside of Parliament.

To those political leaders who have always resisted violence I say thank you for your principled stands. This includes all the leaders of parliamentary parties, leaders of important organizations and move-ments, such as Chief Minister Buthelezi, all of the other Chief Ministers and urban community leaders. Their places in the negotiating process are assured.

The eyes of responsible govern-ments across the world are focused on us. The hopes of millions of South Africans are centred around us. The future of southern Africa depends on us. We dare not falter or

I call on the international community to re-evaluate its position and to adopt a positive attitude towards the dynamic evolution which is taking place in South Africa.

De Klerk unbans ANC and communists on road to democracy



Dr Treurnicht: Called the

President's speech shocking.

Continued from page 1 state of emergency and related security legislation remained in force.

Mr Pallo Jordan, an ANC national executive committee member said: "He hasn't responded to the entire package. It's like a buffet dinner - he took the parts he liked and left the parts he didn't like". And Mrs Winnie Mandela said the President had not gone far enough: "We cannot be happy just because the ANC has been unbanned," she said. "We are not prepared to accept a bone with no meat." But Mr Walter Sisulu, the recently released former ANC

edged that some progress had been made. "It takes a long time for news like this to seep Senior cabinet ministers

secretary-general, acknowl-

who briefed foreign corrmantling apartheid through negotiations with as wide a spectrum of political and community leaders as

Dr Gerrit Viljoen, the Min-ister for Constitutional Devclopment, said this applied to South Africans will participate fundamental legislation classifying people according to race, and segregating their places of residence and recreation. "The Government Klerk will end white domina- We cannot talk about ending considers that these 'pillars of tion." apartheid' have to go, but these have to be negotiated away in an orderly manner."

believed it had valid argu- on the ANC now."

ments for a system based on espondents before Mr de (racial) group rights, but Treurnicht, leader of the pro-Klerk's speech said the Gov- added: "There will be univer- apartheid Conservative Party, ernment was prepared to go sal franchise. This means each much further towards disadult person of sane mind will participate through a vote. How it will be structured is a white voters to see whether matter for negotiation." Mr R.F. "Pik" Botha, the

Foreign Minister, concluded: "The National Party wants a new South Africa, in which all at the highest level. The ANC

A senior diplomat in the audience said the President had gone further than anyone the armed struggle to greater Asked about future had anticipated. "On the pol- levels through the training of constitutional plans, Dr Vil- itical level, he's gone for more cadres and through oen said the Government broke. The pressure is really

described the speech as shocking and challenged de Klerk to call an immediate election for they backed his decisions. The radical Pan Africanist

Congress - also legalized also poured scorn on the speech. Mr Waters Toboti, its information director, said: "The reforms announced by will be welcome to make the de Klerk today are irrelevant fullest contribution in drawing and meaningless because up a new constitution. Mr de apartheid cannot be reformed. anartheid. We can only eleiminate it.

"We are going to intensify confrontation withthe enemy on the ground," he said.



Mr Sisulu: Acknowledged progress had been made.

Soviet party faces up to intimations of mortality

Soviet Communist Party power, is required to save it. meets in Moscow on Monday

Inside the party there is a sense that something must be done to prevent further de-cline in its authority, but little agreement on what.

This will be the second full meeting of the Central Committee in as many months, but even in that short time the mood of the Soviet Communist Party has changed.

The upheaval in Romania, the official recognition that German reunification is inevitable, and the deployment of the Army to quell what officially is called an anticommunist uprising in the Soviet republic of Azerbaijan, have all given the Soviet party ations of mortality.

Three distinct strands of opinion about the party's future can be detected.

The first, right-wing and Soviet political lexicon — argues that the problem stems from the readiness of the party leadership to make con-cessions which weaken communism. This group wants a return to former ways.

A second group, President Gorbachov's supporters in the main, regards the party as being basically on the right track but hindered by backward thinking and outdated political structures. It sees a continuing, if modified, role for the party in Soviet life facilitated by some judicious personnel changes and sanctioned by a re-evaluation of Lenin that would remove some of the ideological ob-

stacles to economic reform. The third view would be represented by the Democratic Platform, the newly founded group which was described earlier this week by an opponent as an attempt to introduce non-Leninist socialism into the Soviet Union. This group has attracted the support of those who believe something far more radical, including direct elections for

The Central Committee of the the party's automatic right to the congress in October. Now, Events in the Transcaucunder the shadow of the asus and the emptiness of baijan, and outbreaks of uncollapse of communism in shops across the country have rest in other parts of the seemed to support the allegarestroika has brought political and economic chaos.

On Thursday the reformist Moscow News published a damning assessment of the policies of Mr Yegor Ligachov, the Politburo member most closely identified with the conservative wing of the party, accusing him of being associated with the "unhealthy elements of social-



President Gorbachov: May want less power for party.

Two days earlier a rumour had circulated that President Gorbachov was considering resignation from the party leadership. The subsequent panic on Western stock markets, and the immediate reaction from American politicians, allowed Gorbachov supporters to demonstrate how essential it was for him to remain in power.

The rumour also ge speculation that Mr Gorbachov, or his supporters, were trying to increase the power of the presidency with respect to

Originally the plenum had been expected to discuss the decision of the Lithuanian Communist Party to split from the central Soviet party, and new party rules and a new all party posts and an end to programme to be presented to united in the Democratic Plat-

after the military assault on Baku, the capital of Azercountry, ethnic tensions are likely to be discussed in a more general manner than had been planned.

Where the future of the party is concerned, however, it is the draft congress documents that emerge from the plenum that will show which wing of the party has

The party programme, which sets out future goals, hy elements of social-that had helped bring as recently as 1985, when the



Mr Ligachov: Associated with 'unhealthy elements'. over-optimism of the Khrushchev programme was finally

The need for so many revisions has been repeatedly questioned, and it is possible that the new programme will contain even more generalities than the last. But it is the party rules, or

statute, which will determine whether the party is prepared to change itself fundamentally. The rules define the structure of the party from primary party organizations up to the Politburo; they define who can stand for party elections, how many posts can be held concurrently and how party elections are held. Few changes were made in the last

This time the battleground is likely to be the election procedures: the radicals

replaced by direct elections in all regional party organizathat new blood will be brought in. The heirs of Brezhnev, however, have every interest in preserving the present system because their jobs and

When such sensitive q tions have been discussed in the past, a compromise has usually been reached. This time, with the emergence of the Democratic Platform and the warnings from Eastern Europe, many party officials fear for its future, and patience

power depend on it.

The Gorbachov supporters might be satisfied with the prospect, broached this week in Pravda, of separating the state presidency from the party leadership again — the two functions have been sensrated when each of the last four Soviet leaders came to power - and making the former more powerful.

Separation would allow Mr Gorbachov to become a newstyle President late in the year and leave the new party leadership to bargain with unofficial opposition groups for power.

Such a solution would leave the conservatives and the radicals to fight for the leadership of a party which could in the Soviet Union as it aiready has elsewhere. Along with the ideological

debate, the past week has seen reference to new pockets of unrest throughout the Soviet Union. It has also seen the first en bloc resignation of a regional party committee - in Volgograd (formerly Stalingrad), where party members and demonstrators pushed through a vote of no confidence in the leadership and the expulsion from the Leningrad party of Mr Oleg Solovyov, the former regional secretary, whose "crime" was to buy a foreign car.
Such isolated demonstra-

tions of principle, however, are unlikely to save a party which is now openly blamed for the economic and political disarray in which the Soviet Union finds itself.



an, passing by the armoured as she walks through the Armenian village of Tekh, where troops and tanks are deployed to halt ethnic violence between Armenians and Azerbaijanis. Mr Tofik Gasymov, a senior er of the Azerbaijani Popular Front, said vesterday that Lieutenant-General Vladimir

Azerbaijani capital of Baku, had promised the Front that he would pass on to Moscow its calls for a timetable on removing troops from the city (Reuter reports from Baku). The Front, which says its aim is genuine parliamentary democracy, has rejected demands by extreme factions for secession from the Soviet Union.

Experts ready to take over in Sofia

From Ernest Beck Sofia

Bulgaria entered an uncertain but hopeful political era yesterday with the resignation of the Communist Government. the election of a new Communist Party leadership, and the first thorough purge of hardline party members since Mr Todor Zhivkov, the former leader, was toppled in November.

It is hoped that the Govern-ment's resignation will lead to the formation of a caretaker administration made up largely of independent experts. many from the academic community. Such an administration, it is hoped, would foster stability in the run-up to free multi-party elections scheduled for May.

New opposition groups have agreed in principle to what is being called a "national consensus" Government but ruled out an interim coalition with the Communists as a ploy to make them take responsibility for the country's political and economic plight.

The proposal will be put to the round-table talks which resume next week. A list of possible candidates is expected to be compiled, with the Communists taking one or two ministries.

The resignation follows sharp criticism of Mr Georgi Atanasov, the Prime Minister. who came under attack at the emergency meeting of the Communist Party for doing nothing to stop the country's slide to economic ruin. As the Government re-

signed, delegates to the congress continued a protracted secret session to choose a new party leadership. This is believed to have turned into a blood-letting of the last remnants of the Zhivkov clique by the emerging reformers.

Mr Alexander Lilov, a philosopher, aged 56, was unanimously elected party unanimously elected party chairman, while Mr Petur Mladenov, the outgoing General Secretary who ousted Mr Zhivkov, stepped aside in hopes of becoming President of the republic.

Yugoslavia's ethnic powder keg

Serbs demand Kosovo crusade

From Philip Jacobson, Pristing

Angry and alarmed after a Serbs, outnumbered almost sioned discourse about the Kosovo Communist Party, as week of violence in Kosovo, several thousand Serbs gathered here yesterday to demand tougher action by the authori- to the ears. They warmly ties against Albanian "terror- applauded his decision to rush ists". At an hour-long, often heavily armed Serb riot police emotional, meeting they complained that Albanian dem- under Serbian control — when onstrators involved in clashes the present wave of strikes and with police are intent on driving the Serbian minority out of the province.

Yugoslavia arriving here yes-terday for talks on the deteriorating situation, speakers at the meeting demanded a firmer hand from the top.

As the crowd assembled elegant women in fur coats figure, a Slovene with the rubbing shoulders with farmers in muddy boots - several people brandished portraits of Mr Slobodan Milosevic, the ending one young woman charismatic Serbian leader. with a "Slobo" button in her charismatic Serbian leader.

For Kosovo's 200,000 lapel delivered an impas-

10-to-one by ethnic Albanians, "Slobo's" rousing brand of nationalism is music into Kosovo - which comes protests began, and the ferocity with which these squads have been going into action With President Drnovsek of against Albanian crowds meets with widespread approval from a community that

feels at risk. Mr Drnovsek, by contrast, is widely regarded by Serbs here as a dangerously liberal usual antipathy towards the country's largest ethnic group. When yesterday's meeting was

avenge humiliations long imposed on Serbia".

For the Albanian majority, who rightly regard themselves as the Serbs' first target, phrases like this are to be taken with the utmost seriousness. The brutal efficiency with which Mr Milosevic disposed of Mr Azem Vlasi. the former leader of the



need for what Mr Milosevic soon as he became an obstacle has described as a crusade "to two years ago, underlines their fear of Serbian domination.

A popular figure of Alba-nian origin, Mr Vlasi, aged 42, and 14 others are being tried for "counter-revolutionary activities", and could face the death sentence if convicted. The court is sitting in

Titova Mitrovica, a grimy industrial city about 25 miles from Pristina. It was the scene of violent protests after the arrests, and now the bleak streets are under heavy police control, with young men being shoved against the wall for body checks.

Lawyers for Mr Vlasi have denounced the trial as a political show. They have requested that the closed hearings be transferred to a court outside Serbia, but have no expectation of success.

Man in the News: Petre Roman

Trusted democrat casts his spell

From Christopher Walker, Bucharest

As concern mounts at home from a first-floor balcony. and abroad about the communist leanings of Romania's provisional leaders, Mr Petre Prime Minister, has so far preserved his reputation as a a family with deep communist traditions.

A former engineering professor with matinee idol looks, the youthful Mr Roman has rapidly emerged as both the main troubleshooter for the National Salvation Front, and its most acceptable international face.

It was no coincidence that he was dispatched on Monday to stage the dramatic evacuation of Mr Corneliu Coposu, the veteran opposition leader. after his party headquarters were surrounded by a mob threatening his life. Twice Mr Roman addressed the crowd

succeeding in defusing the situation before he and Mr Coposu were driven away in Roman, the charismatic armoured personnel carriers. Two days later Mr Roman

was visiting workers in the democrat, despite being from industrial town of Brasov, scene of the first unsuccessful uprising against Ceausescu in 1987. An aide who travelled with him said of the crowd reception: "I have not seen anything like it since film of the first Beatles tour of America. Women, particularly, came up and just asked if they could touch his coat."

> Mr Valter Roman, the Prime Minister's father, was a pre-war member of Romania's then tiny Communist Party who fought against the fascists in the Spanish Civil War.

He served in the Comintern in Moscow in the Second World War, but later fell into ter of a former Romanian Bucharest as a potential "Titoist".

Mr Roman senior, a descendant of an old rabbinical family from Transylvania was deprived of his general's rank and spent some years as a librarian before his rehabilitation, when he took over a publishing house. His Spanish wife, Hortensia, was the mother of Mr Petre Roman and his sister, Carmen.

Despite his father's period in disgrace, Mr Petre Roman was very much part of the party's nomenklatura, or elite. He was one of the minority of Romanians permitted to study abroad at the University of Toulouse, and speaks fluent French and Spanish.

He is married to a radio broadcaster who is the daugh- in cold blood.

disfavour with the Stalinist ambassador to Switzerland leadership of the party in and they have one daughter. In his youth, Mr Roman was described by acquaintances as having been "close,

even very close", to Zoia Ceausescu, the disgraced daughter of the late dictator who is now under arrest, but even this is not widely held against him. He claimed that he became a Communist Party member only to secure his engineering professorship at Bucharest's Polytechnic-University.

"There were about four million members of the party. It is completely unacceptable to say that all were supporters of Ceausescu," the Prime Minister said, He tore up hisown party card on December 19 when he heard that demonstrators had been shot down

East Germany 'risks civil war' if hopes of a better life are thwarted



Herr Haussmann: New line of credit ready next week.

There is a danger of civil war in East Germany by August or September if the people's hopes for a better life are not quickly fulfilled, Herr Rudolf Stadermann, president of the new East German Business Federation, said here

He issued his warning after meeting Herr Helmut Haussmann, the West German Economics Minister, who promised that negotiations on a new credit programme should be completed next

It appears Herr Stadermann's warning is being taken seriously. Although Herr Hel-mut Kohl, the Chancellor, has made it plain he is not prepared to discuss plans for union drawn up by Herr Hans Modrow, the East German Prime Minister, until after the East German poll on March 18, there is now an urgency in the economic measures being proposed to help put East

Herr Theo Waigel, the Fince Minister, said yesterday that he saw no reason why the strong Deutschmark could not quickly be made the official currency in East Germany. The fact that the East German mark is only worth about one-twentieth of a Deutschmark at present black market rates is one of the main problems. Herr Waigel is ready to move rapidly to currency union provided the East Ger-

Germany on its feet.

petition and fair taxation. In making this offer, he pre-

empted a demand yesterday by the opposition Social Democrats for the Deutschmark to be made the common currency of both countries by next year. Whichever West German Government is in power next year, therefore, the principle of early currency union aiready seems to have been accepted.

West German private enterprise is starting to move east. Figures this week show that there are some 3,000 West German companies ready to take advantage of a new East German law allowing foreign investment, among them This would leave Herr Kohl steelworks, breweries and car negotiating with a party that

man economy is opened up to manufacturers. The main free-market investment, com- West German financial newspaper, Handelsblatt, now runs a daily block of announcements from East German companies seeking partners in the West.

> The newspaper has also published a booklet of these offers, supplies of which have been exhausted after only a

The indications, therefore, are that there is still an entrepreneurial spirit in East Germany after 40 years of communism. Nevertheless, the Social Democrats are still making all the running for the March 18 elections, with every sign now that they will be able

his main domestic opponents. He is therefore anxious to

campaign here in December. Herr Kohl has begun to attack the Social Democrats for jumping on the bandwagon of reunification after years of publicly opposing it and of forging links with the communists in East Berlin.

the West from benefiting too

much in the general election

The popularity, on both sides of the border, of Herr Willy Brandt, the former Chancellor who is now president of the West German Social Democrats, is just one factor in giving his party a distinct advantage as the cam-

Despite the promise of change in East Germany, the unbring a recovery programme ending flow of refugees across into operation quickly to pre-vent the Social Democrats in rate of nearly 2,000 a day. Government figures yesterday showed that 58,000 crossed in January, while East Germany stated that 12.5 million of its 16 million population have so far visited the West on exit

> The idea of reunification is now more popular in the East than in the West, according to a poll taken on both sides of the border last week by the Wikert Institute. It showed that 89 per cent of East Germans now wanted a united Germany, compared with 81 per cent in the West. This is the first such poll result and it

now look to the West for financial benefits while West Germans are growing apprehensive about the cost of setting East Germany's economy to rights.

 BONN: The two Germanies are moving so fast towards unification that the phased plans proposed by both countries could soon be overtaken by events, a senior West German official said yesterday (Reuter reports).

Herr Horst Teltschik, Herr Kohl's foreign policy adviser, said the pace could quicken after the formation of a new Government chosen in East Germany's first free elections

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An overnight success after 100 years in the industry Duncan LeFeuvre, Managing architects may have heard of our Director of Stannah Lifts Ltd. stairlifts but have not known that

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Village for outcasts gives refuge to ailing Honecker From Anne McElvov East Berlin

A statue of Christ, arms out-stretched, is the first sight that greets the visitor on the way into the hamlet of Lobetal outside East Berlin, Underneath is the message Come unto me all you who are weary and I will give you rest".

The village, traditionally a refuge for society's outcasts, is now home to an old, sick and lonely man preparing to face the wrath of the country he once dominated. Herr Erich Honecker, the former leader,

offered sanctuary here to await trial for treason and corruption.

Herr Uwe Holmer, the parish priest and an affable family man in his forties, now shares his home in the village with Herr and Frau Honecker who have been evicted from their luxury home in the exclusive compound of Wandlitz just a few miles away. Herr Honecker, who left hospital

earlier this week after an operation

for cancer of the kidney, was taken

straight to prison but was released

to survive the six-week stay there before his trial. Founded in 1905 as a charitable

community to care for the deprived. sick or disturbed misfits from the nearby Berlin metropolis, Lobetal its name, culled from the Old Testament, means the Valley Of Praise - now has 500 inhabitants.

Herr Holmer was approached by the authorities after Herr Honecker's arrest last year when they despaired of finding a community where he would be safe. The priest is

by a court which deemed him unfit appalled by the desire for revenge in East Germany directed at the former leader, "the same people who once cheered him now deny him a home," he says. "How can we build a new and better society with this hatred within us?"

Visas.

He and his wife have already been the target of hate mail and abuse for opening their home to the couple. Herr Honecker, he says, is recovering well from his operation, but

spends most of his time in bed reading and writing his diary. "He is looking forward to the trial,

because he has not yet had a chance to tell his version of events. Yes, I think that he regress a lot. He told me that he has been isolated from his own country for many years."

The couple cat with the Holmers but Frau Honecker has not yet ventured into the village.

Herr Holmer has turned down the Government's offer of security West German photographers and vengeful citizens. Instead burlyards to protect his home from villagers stand at the front door, turning away onlookers politely.

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victory over Unita in fierce fighting in south-east Angola after heavy fighting with Unita rebels, a senior military source

claimed yesterday. The source, who spoke on condition of anonymity, said Mavinga fell on Thursday after heavy air force bombardment and fighting that claimed "thousands of casualties" on both sides. Two military columns had consolidated positions in "all

the area of Mavinga", including the airstrip. Unita officials in Portugal reported heavy fighting over-night in the region but denied that the town had fallen. They said that early yesterday gov-

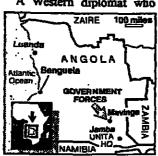
erament troops were still 20 miles from Mavinga. Mavinga is considered a key strategic point for control of south-east Angola, and vital in any government plans to attack the rebels' stronghold at Jamba, 120 miles south. Dr Jonas Savimbi, the

ernment forces have captured Tuesday to return to Angola, the strategic Mavinga airstrip ordered all his forces on alert yesterday and to resume full-

According to Unita's Black Cockerel radio station, monitored in Luanda, Dr Savimbi said his call for an "all-out attack ... without any consideration", was in reaction to the Government's heavy shelling of Mavinga.

Mr Norberto de Castro, spokesman for Unita in Lisbon, confirmed on Thursday that government troops had crossed the Lomba river, 12 miles north of Mavinga.

A Western diplomat who



flict from Lisbon said government forces were about half a mile from Mavinga on Thurs-day. But the diplomat added that government troops were short of supplies and would not necessarily launch an immediate attack on Jamba.

An estimated 10,000 government troops began an offensive against Mavinga late December from Cuito Cuanavale, about 95 miles to the north-west.

Western diplomats contacted in Luanda said that the Government could use Mavinga's fall to strengthen its position before re-opening ceasefire bargaining with the

States, the Soviet Union, Portugal and a number of African states have recently stepped up efforts to bring both sides back to the negotiating table. A ceasefire agreement sealed with a handshake between Dr Savimbi and President dos Santos of Angola last June

Diplomats from the United

THE TIMES SATURDAY FEBRUARY 3 1990 Angola claims vital Tension grows between India and Pakistan

Indian women protesting out-side Pakistan's High Com-mission in Delhi yesterday against alleged interference by Miss Benazir Bhutto's Government in the affairs of the Indian state of Jamma and

there are indications that tension is increasing between India and Pakistan (Zabid Hassain writes from Islamabad). General Aslam Beg,
Pakistan's Chief of Army
Staff, met key corps commanders a few days ago to
review the situation on the border with India.

Reports are also reaching Islamabad that more than 100 refugees have fled to the Pakistani-controlled areas. The reports say the refugees started trickling into Azad (Free) Kashmir last week after the Indian crackdown against senaratists in the state.

to cross the heavily guarded mountainous border region were political activists who had been forced to flee because of fear of arrest and

Pakistani authorities say that the number of refugees entering Azad Kashmir is not could get worse if the continned crackdown in the Indian state leads to a larger influx of refugees after the winter



New York panhandlers benefit from a generous judge

has always been ... get a good lawyer. That it is an adage for rich and poor alike has been demonstrated by Mr Joe Walley, a beggar who took on the New York subway system, securing his place in legal history and causing citizens to marvel once again at the ways of

Mr Walley is one of the army of homeless "panhandlers" who haunt the public places of the Big Apple. Numbering thousands and dominated by mental misfits and drug or alcohol addicts, the panhandlers have lately added to the menace of the underground railway by plying their trade aggressively in the trains and stations.

Last November the Metropolitan Transit Authority ordered its police to "reclaim the system" for the passengers and throw out the

beggars. But the authority reckoned without Mr Walley. He hired Mr Douglas Lasdon, a civil rights lawyer, and protested to the federal court that it was seeking to deprive him of his right to free speech. Last week Judge Leonard Sand ruled in his favour and struck down all attempts by New York City to ban begging, saying: "While often disturbing and sometimes alarmingly graphic, begging is ... informative and persuasive speech."

While Mr Walley has enjoyed the fruits of celebrity - watching himself on a television set bought with the proceeds of his trade -Judge Sand has been treated to a wave of outrage. Mr Ed Koch, the former mayor whose departure from City Hall in December seems only to have amplified his presence, called the ruling crazy but all too familiar. Two years ago a court

cancelled an attempt by Mr Koch to have deranged vagrants taken to mental hospitals. The New York Times argued that

passengers suffered enough with-out having to contend with "wildeyed vagrants who just might be loony enough to push someone in front of a train". Applying the letter of the law, the port authority has now begun handing out leaflets in its bus terminals - another begging Mecca - informing vagrants of their First Amendment rights. "If it wasn't so awful, it would be amusing," said Mr Stephen Berger, the authority director. The begging judgment has also raised doubts over a city plan to impose a ban on boom cars" - those fitted with high-powered stereos turned up at

With public frustration about beggars running high, it was no surprise when a subway passenger vented his rage by beating a beggar to death. Mr Rodney Sumter, an unemployed plumber, was travelling with his three-year-old son when he was struck by a deranged panhandler. He hit back, knocking the man to the ground, and carried on beating him there. The police say he used excessive force and have charged him with man-

slaughter, but a whole team of

lawyers have leaped to his defence. The begging fiasco has not helped Mr David Dinkins, the new Mayor and the city's first black chief executive. After promising to be "the toughest mayor on crime this city has ever seen", he has spent his first month grappling with fiscal reality. With the city facing a possible repeat of its 1970s bankruptcy, he has been forced to abandon his election pledge to "put a cop on every subway train". His plight has prompted a little oating from his defeated rival and fellow lawyer, Mr Koch.

Rivalling Mr Walley's lawyer in Bruce Cutler, the barrister for New York's best-loved underworld celebrity, Mr John Gotti, the alleged Mafia godfather. Mr Gotti, who has managed to evade conviction for years, is charged with ordering the "kneecapping" of a union boss. This time the "Feds" were confident of a conviction that could put the dapper don away for life because they have a tape-recording in which he is heard ordering an underling to "bust up" the victim just before the shooting.

Sheer prosecutorial fantasy, Mr Cutler roared at the jury on primetime news (the trial is televised). When they heard Mr Gotti say

"bust him up", what he was really saying was "bust 'em up", a phrase that referred to his desire to restructure the management of his

The prosecutors drew a little satisfaction, however, because Mr Cutler was tacitly admitting what Mr Gotti has always denied — that he runs the Gambino family organization.

Lawyers played only a peripheral role in New York's other current drama - a row involving Governor Mario Cuomo and a jailed Catholic bishop, Mr Cuomo, a Catholic who made his name as a lawyer for the dispossessed, was publicly warned by Auxiliary Bishop Austin Vaughan that he would be sent "straight to Hell" for advocating abortion. The bishop is serving a 10-day sentence for taking part in an abortion protest.

Siege by rebels 'goes on'

Addis Ababa (Reuter) - Sudanese rebels yesterday denied reports in Khartoum's government-controlled press that their siege of Juba and Yei had been broken.

"The allegation is an attempt by the Khartoum Government to raise the army morale that had been badly affected by the war in the south," a spokesman for the Sudan People's Liberation Army said.

The siege was continuing with ferocity," he said, and it was only a matter of time before both towns fell.

Patriarch dies Jerusalem (Reuter) - Patriarch Yeghishe Derderian, head of the Armenian Church in Jerusalem and the Holy Land, has died at the age of 80.

Rites death

Granada (Renter) — Señora Encarnación Guardía, aged 36, died from drinking huge quantities of salt after a baker from her, relatives said.

Cook's book

Adelaide (Reuter) - A worldwide alert has been issued to booksellers and autique dealers asking them to look out for a stolen bark manuscript of notes on Captain James Cook's Pacific voyages.

Silent Voice

Washington (Reuter) - The Voice of America, the US government radio, will stop broadcasting in six of its 43 languages on April 1 because

Letter from Brussels

Lobbyists invade bright new world

was hard to beat. A top-I flight member of one of Washington's most prestigious law firms was explaining why the senior partner - President Carter's former legal counsel could not attend the formal opening of the firm's new Brussels office. "I'm sorry Lloyd Cutler can't be here. He's had to go off to help write the Japanese in waiting, detera new constitution for Czech-

oslovakia." Even without him, the arrival of Wilmer, Cutler and Pickering in Brussels was an event of note: an impressive number of European Commission officials turned out for the reception, partly in recognition of the clout the firm already commands in Washington (and presumably in Czechoslovakia); partly to prepare themselves for the onslaught of high-powered

transatlantic lobbying. Brussels now runs second only to Washington as a happy hunting-ground for lawyers, especially Americans. There are more than a dozen American firms here, most of them recent arrivals, and at least Europe. establishing a presence.

The reason, of course, is 1992, with its 278 assorted rules and regulations to be implemented, drafted or dised in the run-up to the Single Market, American firms want to see that their interests are not harmed. How better to do so than to use the oldfashioned technique of asking lawyers and consultants with knowledge, panache and connections to track down the have doubled in 10 years as relevant Eurocrat and apply some courteous arm-twisting at any one of a thousand-plus of the new Europe scramble for restaurants in the Belgian It works very well. The

European Commission is naively transparent: even M Jacques Delors, its stern and fellow commissioners are up to in the press than he ever finds out from them.

Most EC officials actually relcome the lobbying and public debate: Brussels is an eternal bargaining table, and in the endless game of manoeuvring to assemble majorities. the commissioners need to be kept informed how interest groups will react.

American firms, reacting in cosily scruffy pub serving panic at the prospect of tougher good Shepherd's Pie has also competition from Europe and regulations they could not the Old Hack. News desks understand, despaired of find- should note the telephone ing their way through the number. maze. There are more than 12,000 EC functionaries here,

s a throwaway line it and 512 MEPs who are also playing an increased role in pushing through or modifying EC legislation. So the law firms are happy, for a goodly fee, to

It is hardly in their interest to point out that, compared to the Byzantine ways of Washington, Brussels is not so very abstruse. And there are always mined not only to comprehend but to master the system.

With the lobbyists have also come the industrialists, all the big international companies that feel the need to be at the heart of Europe, close to its decision-making machinery.

Then there are the semipermanent conferences: "1992 and Telecommunications" 1992 and Financial Services" The Challenge of the Single Market", "Whither Europe?", and so on. The Brussels lecture circuit is fairly predictable: a off, a vision of a bright new world, some technical briefings, predictions, questions and the inevitable speculation on what will happen in Eastern

another dozen are considering he massive influx into Brussels means that the city, already cosmopolitan, is increasingly coming to resemble a miniature United Nations. Some 50,000 foreign - predominantly West European - families are expected to arrive here during the coming year, augmenting a foreign community that already accounts for over a quarter of the city's population. House prices, rents and office charges Swedes, Japanese and others who wanted to be at the heart property. The backlash has already come from disgruntled city residents: "Brussels is not

for sale", posters proclaim. One property deal that has cheered the huge foreign press principled President, was corps here and is likely to serve complaining the other day that as an essential clearing-house he reads more about what his for information has been the opening, at a fatal 100 paces from the Commission building, of Kitty O'Shea's Irish pub. The Guinness is like cream, the barmen's brogue the softest Dublin, and the plat du jour wholesome Irish fare. Its opening coincided with the Irish presidency of the EC. But refugees from Fleet Street can also take cheer. at the other end of the block a

Michael Binyon

opened, called appropriately

Hi-tech campaigning makes a bow in Japan

A three-hour televised debate changes in Eastern Europe; will "try to make Japanese no longer smug. The Social-can make thousands of calls in yesterday afternoon between whether to repeal an unpopute politics the politics of the later people" and will aim for "a surprise result, are also hungry voters cannot talk back. It political parties will have done to liberalize agricultural impeople's coalition".

among the voters. US model are a novelty in the ruling Liberal Democratic Japan, although lack of prac-tice provides scant excuse for usual. Miss Takako Doi, leadthe polite recitation of famil- er of the Socialists, disagreed iar policies. Most of the heat with almost everything, also and light came from the television studio lights.

full volume.

The flatness of the debate was all the more disappointing because the election on Febnuary 18 confronts Japanese voters with controversial isenes — the country's edgy relations with the US; how Japan should react to the

nothing to diminish cynicism ports, especially rice.

Mr Toshiki Kaifu, the Candidate debates on the Prime Minister and leader of as usual, and was typically tongue-tied on her party's lack of credible options.

Mr Kaifu said that he wanted "to create a new age in politics" (no details). He also pointed out that "the framework of the Cold War is changing, which is quite welcome for all of us". Miss Doi

This made even mild ex-

garet Thatcher and Mr Neil Kinnock look like snarling bouts of all-in wrestling. The leaders of the centrist Democratic Socialist and Buddhist-backed Komei parties spent the afternoon wriggling on their fences. The Communists, who were friendly towards Romania's late dictator Nicolae Ceau-

seriously than usual. But after its thrashing in support. Please lend me your upper house elections last ear for 30 seconds." The summer, the Government is automatic-dialling machine

sescu, are taken even less

message across.

changes between Mrs Mar-While wise Japanese politicians know that it pays to stav silent, many are now trying to keep their mouths shut while also projecting a voter-friendly image. Enter hi-

tech electioneering. Pick up the telephone and you can find yourself communicating with a tape recording. "Good afternoon. This is Tanaka from the Japan Socialist Party. I would like to thank you first of all for your

add gloss to the end-product.

political views and daily activities. Professional film directors and advertising specialists

The candidate sends copies of the films, some of them 20 minutes long, to local supporters. Novices at the game are finding it a particularly useful way to get past the doorstep.

Candidates who prefer look-

ing voters in the eye are using

another novelty - videos to publicize themselves during

the election campaign. To

background music, a narrator

introduces the candidate and

talks about his or her career,

Aoun barrage shatters Beirut truce From Juan Carlos Gamucio, west Beirut



President Hrawi: Forced to

General Michel Aoun, who Baabda, the general last night shortly before dawn, when the once promised to make Leba-

non's Christian enclave "safer than Switzerland", yesterday deployed heavy weapons against his former allies, plunging the Maronite community deeper into fratricidal Unable to defeat Mr Samir

Geagea's Phalangist "Leba-

nese Forces" militia after

three days of fierce fighting, the general crashed artillery shells down on east Beirut at a rate of one a minute.

From the depths of his bunker at the presidential palace in the suburb of

appeared to be fighting for his own survival as well as for political power and money. The vicious inter-Christian

fighting seems irrevocably to have shattered his popularity, and his ruthlessness is said to be provoking defections. East Beirut hospitals were said last night to be running

out of medicines, and civil defence officials said the overall death toll of General Aoun's campaign could easily reach 100; there are 320 names on an unnofficial list of wounded.

The shelling was renewed

general ordered a large-scale ground offensive with rocketlaunchers and howitzers on opposing positions scattered in residential parts of east Beirut, including the densely populated Ashrafiyeh area. Lebanese Forces' retaliation was instantaneous and brought a violent end to the overnight truce sponsored by Mgr Julio Puente, the Vatican

President Hrawi, who is backed by Syria, has been forced to remain in west

Beirut, where he was last night keeping out of the limelight.

Weary Afghans wind down war

down the strategic Salang highway, the war in Afghani-

stan is spluttering and dying. The military stalemate remains: the Kabul Government controls the cities; the Mujahidin dominate everything else. Exhausted and warweary, much of rural Afghanistan is opting for peace.

In Kabul and other cities the 11-year battle has taken on a monotonous rhythm. People no longer take notice of the ceaseless thud and rumble of government rockets being fired at rebels holed up in the high, rugged mountains that surround the city. Most days, Mujahidin rock-

ets smash into the city. Sometimes the rebels send in a cluster bomb, which explodes in the air, scattering "baby hombs" One landed near the West German Embassy last week, smashing windows.

ligiously to the Persian-language service for any hint of peace. Without independent newspapers, radio or television, there is a desperate hunger for news. Even government officials say they do not know what is going on, "Moscow and Washington control our fate," one said. "We watch and wait"

Foreigners are stopped in talks have started. People ask the Soviet withdrawal - February 15 - will embolden the independent enclaves, selfoffensive. They want to know what is happening in the rest of Afghanistan, since nobody can leave Kabul, except by aircraft. People are prisoners in their own city.

President Najibullah is regarded contemptuously by particularly Gulbuddin Hekeverybody in Kabul, it seems, matyar, the most fundament-The BBC is Afghanistan's as a Soviet stooge - the man alist of the resistance leaders, wish the Mujahidin tockets only ear to the world. The who betrayed the traditional The two are itching to settle a

Almost a year after the last Voice of America is not and fierce Afghan refusal to be personal feud. The war has Soviet soldier headed home trusted. People tune in re-dominated by foreigners. But created deadly rivalries that there is a gradging new tolerance towards him, according to long-time observers, if only because people are so weary of the war to topple him. If there is one man who

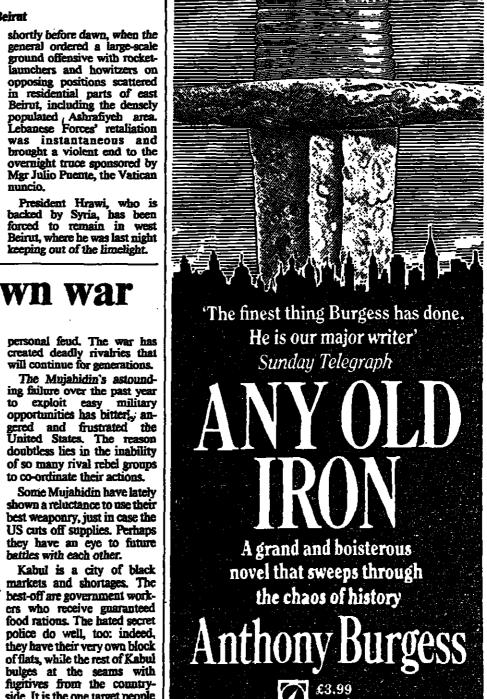
exemplifies the movement away from war with the Afghan Government, it is Ahmad Shah Massoud, a guerrilla commander who has carved out a fieldom in five the street and asked if peace provinces on the northern edge of the Hindu Kush. It is a fearfully if the anniversary of model of what Afghanistan always used to be: a series of Mujahidin to step up their governing and fiercely suspicious of outsiders. The Government pays Mas-

soud in cash, food and guns. In return, he does not attack government targets. His enemy is no longer the Government but other Mujahidin,

created deadly rivalries that will continue for generations. The Mujahidin's astounding failure over the past year opportunities has bitter, angered and frustrated the United States. The reason

of so many rival rebel groups to co-ordinate their actions. Some Mujahidin have lately shown a reluctance to use their best weaponry, just in case the US cuts off supplies. Perhaps they have an eye to future battles with each other. Kabul is a city of black

markets and shortages. The best-off are government workers who receive guaranteed food rations. The hated secret police do well, too: indeed, they have their very own block of flats, while the rest of Kabul bulges at the seams with fugitives from the countryside. It is the one target people





SIMON BARNES

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he main sport at the Commonwealth Games is, of course, bowls. The ghost of the Olympics hangs over most of the events, but the Games has bowls to itself. Naturally, it was among the compet-itors of the red-hot women's bowls events that I looked for the top performer here. This column awards second place to Gena Tau, who won the gold in the singles for Papua New Guinea. "It won't change my - lifestyle," she said afterwards.

However, first place must go to Laufili Pativaine Ainun of Western Samoa. We all know the cathedral atmosphere that bowls tends to encourage. Ainuu comprehensively shattered that by charging all over the green and yelling at the top of her voice. "I have to tell the bowis what I want them to do," she explained. "Hit it, hit it! Good girl!" she tells them. "Get away! Leave it alone!"

Millie Khan, who won the silver for New Zealand, complained to officials that it was putting her off. The officials told Ainun. She replied: "I'm fed up with players complain-ing about me when they should be reading law 50." Law 50 says Ainuu can do exactly what she wants. "I talk to my bowls because that's my natural style — and I am not going to change it!" Ainuu did not win a medal, but I'm sure she realizes that a citation from this column is a far greater honour.

ere is more news on last week's citation, Soma Duna, un old Indian who learned to shoot as a child because of her fantasies about tiger hunting. She has won another bronze, this time in the three-position event. It was another open event - the silver was won by Malcolm Cooper, double Olympic gold medallist, with Klepp of Canada taking gold.

ne of the minor pleasures of these Games has been the local television coverage. I think you could say that it serves local enthusiasms extremely well: cameras linger lovingly on 14th-placed Kiwi finishers and, in moments of excitement, the commentary becomes straightforward cheering: "Oh yes! Great stuff, Trevor! Go for it!" No doubt every country's sports coverage is ludicrous to outsiders. The Brits are no exception, particularly over football. But could I detect a self-regarding streak in New Zealand? Here are seven book titles from the top ten hardback best sellers: Portrait of New Zealand, NZ Women's Diary, The Birth of New Zealand, The Illustrated Encyclopaedia of New Zealand, NZ Golf Courses, Wild South, and Discover New Zealand. All great stuff, Trevor.

ne of the odder moments has been a display of synchronized swimmers by three of the top male racing swimmers. It was a jape, but afterwards the boys had no wish to minimize their achievement. "We never realized how difficult these moves are," said Adrian Mosse. 'We thought, wrongly, that there wasn't much of a competitive element." Sue Edwards, technical director of synchro here, enjoyed the jape but was doubtful about the way it would be seen. "We are fighting a desperate image battle as it is."





The pub? First right by Jones the baker, second left by ones the disqualified weightlifter'

his being the column that supports all goalkeepers, it is worth saluting the fact that the oldest living World Cup goalie made a visit to London this week. He is Hans Jakob of Germany, aged 82, and he was in London to celebrate the 75th birthday and the authorized biography of Sir Stanley Matthews. Jakob played against him twice, losing 3-0 in England in 1934 and losing 6-3 in Berlin in 1938. Don't you long for the return of scorelines like that? It would have been 16-3 without you, Hans.

S ad news from greyhound racing a maintenance worker at Eastville stadium in Bristol broke a leg after being run over by the electric hare. Marie Arche was checking the equipment when the hare

2ft high and capable of 30 mph — crashed
into her from behind. The track manager,
Dennis Pope, said: "It was an atrocious night, and the hare must have come out of the mist and rain before she could see it."

7 hat President Gorbachov had to say about

German unification to Hans Modrow, the East German prime minister, was very sen-sible. Whether it was sensible to say it in public, at this time, is another matter. Whether it was sensible to say it to the person to whom he did say it is very

The meeting of the two leaders has clearly speeded up the pace of German reunification. Yet Gorbachov has no mandate for his statement, that reunification, in principle, was not in doubt, though careful preparation was needed. He will probably be able to get the Central Committee to rubber-stamp his new policy. In the slightly more democratic Supreme Soviet, he seems likely to run into trouble.

Watching Gorbachov on television, I was struck by the casual, easy manner in which he discussed so momentous, and so emotive, a matter. He might have been discussing a merger of two companies, in one of which he happened to have a few shares. I wondered how Soviet viewers might feel about that and, in particular, about his failure to make his first clear, specific declaration of intention about German unification to the East German leader, and not to the Soviet public.

Conor Cruise O'Brien on a failure to heed public opinion

Gorbachov's German gaffe

I have the impression that Gorbachov has not yet got used either to the climate of democracy brought into being by his policy of glasnost or to the force of nationalism which glasnost both revealed and stimulated. The Soviet Union is not a

democracy in an institutional sense, and almost certainly never will be. But in a psychological sense, an inchoate but potent democracy now prevails among the peoples of the Soviet Union, bringing with it a vibrant, turbulent unpredictability.

Public opinion now counts, and Gorbachov is answerable to it in a way in which no general secretary of the Soviet Communist Party had been before. But he is not accustomed, as Western politicians are accustomed, to being answerable to public opinion. He has not been conditioned, as they have been, to awareness of public opinion as a force which may sustain one's rise to power but may also, almost in an instant, lay one's political career in ruins.

I do not think any Western political leader would be capable of discussing on television so tremendously ticklish a subject as German unification in the placid, easy-going manner in which Gorbachov discussed it with Modrow. He did not sound as if he were answerable to anyone. And perhaps he does not

yet really feel that he is. Gorbachov was annoyed this week by a report that he was about to resign the Communist Party leadership. His annoyance is understandable. It is from being party general secretary, not from being president, that his authority derives. As general secretary he is, in a broad sense, heir to the Tsars of all the Russias. More specifically, he is successor to Stalin, who was more powerful than any Tsar.

There's a divinity doth hedge a general secretary. Queen Victoria did not feel she was answerable to public opinion; she felt public opinion was answerable to her. If Gorbachov,

tions, possesses something of that inner certitude of royalty, that could account for the almost ome self-confidence with which he has ridden the storms which have swept away part of his empire and are now sweeping over all the rest of if.

Gorbachov cannot, in the nature of things, be accustomed to conditions in which public opinion counts. Nor can he be accustomed to conditions in which nationalism finds public expression and is a political force. As a good communist he was brought up in an inter-national faith. Cultural nationalism carefully monitored from the centre was just about acceptable, for those who needed it. Political nationalism was outlawed. And the nationalism that as rejected included, as Lenin himself laid down, "Great-Rus-

sian chanvinism Yet today it is nationalism that has superseded communism all over the Soviet Union, and "Great Russian chauvinism" is the most potent, though not yet

may destroy Gorbachov.

He may yet regret that he did not show more sensitivity to Russian national feelings in his statement on Germany. Russians don't like Germans - any kind of Germans, East or West. Russians and other Soviet citizens have been told repeatedly that German reunification would be very dangerous indeed - a united Germany (unless it were a communist Germany) would immediately plan, and soon execute, a war of revenge.

Many Russians, perhaps most probably believe that, or some of it. It makes more sense after all, than most of the things their rulers told them. Russians have, that is to say, over the years, been conditioned to associate the idea of a united Germany with the feeling of a threat to

Nobody, so far as I know, has explained to the Russian people that German unification is no longer dangerous, or why this should be so. It is obvious that

the united Germany to which Gorbachov gave the green light in his talks with Modrow will not be a communist Germany, ("Neutral," says Modrow, though Chancellor Kohl has-rejected this stipulation.) So Russians saw Gorbachov as casually agreeing to something which they have always been told is very dangerous to them. In the circumstances, Gorbachov is at risk, as of being felt to Germans that he forgets about

be a person so anxious to please how Russians feel. In a time of rising nationalist feelings, that is an unfortunate impression to It is not enough to say that

Gorbachov cannot afford to offend nationalist feelings. In his situation he has to make a strong appeal to nationalist feelings if he is to survive. Perestroika has totally failed; Glasnost has blown the Soviet Union apart. What achievement can Gorbachov point to that can impress Russians? True, he gets on very well with foreigners, but that has never been a characteristic that makes a favourable impression

on nationalists. President Bush, in bringing home all those troops, obviously assumes that Gorbachov is going to remain in power. In the circumstances, that hardly seems a prudent assumption.

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Time to prepare a graceful exit

Tew British political leaders can have enjoyed so many public anniversaries as Mrs Thatcher. As she overtakes her predecessors in years of service as party leader or prime minister, so commentators have rewritten the record books and reassessed her premiership.
It would be understandable if

Mrs Thatcher has had enough of anniversaries. Instead of celebrations of success, they have become reminders of years pass-ing and of the approach of the end. Last May she told Downing Street to play down the signifi-cance of the tenth anniversary of her premiership. She must, however, have been disappointed at the less than enthusiastic verdict in parts of the media. There was an elegiac note, as if premature political obituaries were being written. One theme was that she was good for the 1980s but perhaps not for the future creation of a kinder, gentler Britain.

Tomorrow marks another anniversary. On February 4, 1975, she stood against Edward Heath for the leadership of the Conservative Party and came it on ton in the f difficult now to remember the sense of shock at that result. Although a second ballot was needed a week later, for her to gain the necessary majority, she had effectively won on the first.

According to Shakespeare, we all have our exits and entrances. For many of us, retirement at 60 or 65 is a matter of course, and is accompanied by little fuss. The exit may be signalled by a reduction in our responsibilities at work, the planning for retirement and a new life. In the United States, the Constitution limits a president to two full terms. Under that rule, Mrs Thatcher would have retired some time ago.

British prime ministers always seem to have a particular problem of timing their departures; most stay too long and do not go willingly. Eventually they are diminished by a combination of electoral reverses, dissatisfied colleagues, ill health and policy failures. Even the giants, like Gladstone, Lloyd George, Churchill and Macmillan, were worn down by failure, their resignations greeted with relief by most colleagues.

Prime ministers feel they have to stay on for many reasons. If they did not enjoy exercising power they would not be there in the first place. Having struggled to climb the greasy pole, they are understandably reluctant to clamber off. They are usually able to convince themselves of their indispensability: only they can hold the party together or save the nation, or there is no trusted successor in sight.

An examination of the circumstances in which the 15 previous holders of the office this century have left reminds us of the tragedy that surrounds most departures. Very few have been achieved by an incumbent leaving voluntarily, in political command, and in good health. Most On her 15th anniversary as Tory

leader. Dennis Kavanagh offers Mrs Thatcher sorry examples

of premiers who clung to power



exits have been sudden, forced and sometimes undignified. Only four have been unforced — Balfour (1905), Baldwin (1937), Churchill, more doubtfully (1955), and Wilson (1976).

Three (Asquith, Lloyd George and Chamberlain) were displaced after losing the confidence of a large number of colleagues. Three (Douglas-Home, Heath and Callaghan) were dismissed by the verdict of a general election. Five (Camp-bell-Bannerman, Bonar Law, MacDonald, Eden and Macmillan) retired on health grounds.

aldwin, in 1937, was perhaps the last Conservative leader to go in his own time. He was then able to bask in the short-lived glory of his handling of the abdication crisis. Chamberlain tried to the last to ignore the collapse of his authority after more than 90 Conservatives abstained, or voted against, in

the confidence vote on Norwegian fiasco in 1940. Churchill, after 1951, was deaf to persistent entreaties from colleagues to make way for Eden. When the party chairman, Lord Woolton, tried to steer a conversation on the subject, Churchill plied him with whisky and, telling Woolton that he

told him to "bugger off". After less than two years in the post, Sir Anthony Eden was worn down by ill health and the failure of the Suez expedition. His position in the party was weak and he resigned rather than being pushed.

knew the purpose of his visit,

Macmillan, far from being unflappable, was a persistent worrier. He thought he might have to go if the debate on the government's handling of the Profumo affair went wrong. He left the Cabinet to discuss whether or not he should resign, in the interests of the party. No

irony is that — having made the decision to soldier on - he then resigned quickly in 1963, on faulty medical advice about his prostate trouble - and spent the next 20 years regretting it.

Heath's position, when he was prime minister, was never threatened. He agreed to the new system of re-electing the party leader after the election defeat in October, 1974, confident that it would strengthen his position. His shock at being toppled by Mrs Thatcher was so great that, when he disappeared to Spain, he hardly spoke for days to two worried supporters who had flown out to keep an eye on him. History shows that Conservative MPs as a constituency are loyal, until it is necessary to put the

abour prime ministers have had a much easier ride. Attlee and Wilson went in their own time. For Wilson this was surprising, given his obsession with plots. The nearest to a Labour putsch was when an improbable troika of Herbert Morrison, Sir Stafford Cripps and Hugh Dalton gested that Attlee should stand aside in 1947. He refused, and nothing more was heard.

There can be a life after premiership. Balfour held many subsequent government posts, and Douglas-Home was foreign secretary between 1970 and 1974. Macmillan returned to the family publishing business and remained an active chancellor of Oxford University. Many recent prime ministers have signed lucrative contracts to write their memoirs. But most of them find life after Downing Street a letdown. They are deprived of the chauffeur-driven car, the support of the private office, the deference, and the opportunity to make things happen at their heck and call.

Of all former prime ministers, Edward Heath has been the most reluctant to settle for a quiet life. His mission increasingly appears to be to convince us that his defeat in February 1974 was a great mistake for the party and the nation.

Mrs Thatcher is 65 this year, older than Eden, Wilson, Heath and Sir Alec when they left office. All four had visibly lost either interest, or touch, or support, when they went. By contrast, there has been no falling off in energy, commitment ("There is so much to do," she still tells staff), or selfconfidence. No other premier this century has enjoyed such personal success in electoral terms. Understandably, she thinks she has a hot line to the

No prime minister wants to be seen to cut and run - or being "frit", in the Grantham vocabulary. But if Mrs Thatcher has any sense of history, she must soon be planning her swansong, to ensure it will be happier than that of most of her predecessors. The author is Professor of Politics at Nottingham University.

Peter Brimelow

Witnesses to terror

ne snowy night years ago, shortly after I arrived in North America from Britain, I went with a young woman to a social function in Winnipeg, the Canadian prairie city where I was then living. I am sorry to say I neglected her. For she introduced me to the parents of riends. Their story absorbed me for most of the evening.

The husband was Soviet-born, what American ethnographers call a "Russian German" - a descendant of German colonists invited into southern Russia by Catherine the Great in the 18th century. His family were Men-nonites, members of the historic pacifist Protestant sect which, not coincidentally, had also settled extensively in the Winnipeg area. But, reflecting the social turmoil of revolutionary Russia, he told me that, like all the young men in his village, he had been eager to wear the glamorous uniform of the Red Army.

He got his chance - and, following catastrophic defeat, found himself in the even more impressive uniform of the Wehrmacht, After many vicissitudes, he had reached Winnipeg. He was now a car dealer

It is a curious paradox that, whereas North Americans in general are profoundly innocent about foreign affairs, there is a wealth of extraordinary experience among immigrant individuals and communities. Somehow, the latter never seems to affect the former. But with the opening up of Eastern Europe, many more stories like my Mennonite friend's are going to be heard. They may eventually change the way contemporary history is viewed.

A remarkable example of such a story is Nina Markovna's Nina's Journey: A Memoir of Stalin's Russia and the Second World War, just published here by Regnery Gateway (\$19.95). This would normally be a recipe for oblivion, but eventually one of these emigré memoirs is going to seize the imagination of the world, just as Solzhenitsyn's Gulag Archipelago made Stalin's purges respectably acknowledgeable, although the facts had long been known to any reader of Robert Conquest, or for that matter of Reader's Digest.

Markovna was a teenage girl living in the Crimea when war broke out. She was deported to Germany as a labourer and eventually married an American soldier. She now lives in Florida. Eye-witness accounts as vivid

as this must of course be treated with caution. On the other hand, accounts no more vivid than Markovna's are now inspiring the American authorities to deport old men for war crimes dlegedly committed more than 40 years ago. Nina's Journey provides a further context.

One point that emerges quickly is the sheer scale and nightmare intensity of Stalin's purges. One of Markovna's childhood memories is of inadvertently betraying her mother to a night of NKVD interrogation by remarking to a

teacher that sugar was common before the Revolution. Another is of watching her mother and her aunt agreeing instantly to part forever after her uncle's deportation and death, fearing that further contact would attract informers and doom their children. Her uncle's crime: dressing a Christmas tree.

How insanely demanding it as, this communist Moloch. One telling detail: when the Germans first took Markovna's home town of Feodosiya in 1941, "the Muslim mosques were cleansed, purified, and reopened to the faithful, as were the Christian churches ... People began to cart to the marketplace things they reckoned they could barter ... Seamstresses appeared in droves, carpenters walked from door to door, and shoemakers were welcomed with shouts of delight at every dwelling. These occupations had all been previously forbidden to function, except under state supervision."

his suicidal repression of economic activity had been going on in the teeth of food shortages verging on famine. Pol Pot. in short. was not an aberration. The same manic streak ran through much better known cases of communism. It could not have been invisible to Western observers. Yet they stubbornly chose to see what Sidney and Beatrice Webb

called "a new civilization". Markovna adds: "Jews — 'our' Jews too - advertised their willingness to give instructions in the German language and in music . . . [and] registered with the German authorities as experienced watchmakers and cobblers."

"Our" Jews were some 1,000 locals, as opposed to the 3,000 "Communist Jews" who came and went with Soviet rule in this city of 250,000, giving its tyr-anny a little-noted ethnic undertone. But stories of Nazi antisemitism were regarded by "our" Jews and everyone else as just more Soviet propaganda — 🌶 until 98 special units arrived and

'our" Jews were massacred. Markovna's story, however, has another twist, perhaps unexpected to my own war-comic generation. The Wehrmacht itself, she reports, was scrupulously disciplined. This was in dramatic contrast to the Red Army, which briefly retook Feodosiya amid appalling rape and murder of its own people. Even when the Germans returned and found their wounded massacred, their doctors continued to treat Soviet casualties impartially.

As Eastern Europe emerges from the Soviet snow, we could find, like a skeleton finally picked clean of all excrescence, the honour of the German army still intact. The honour of the Western allies, who tolerated the Stalinism, area bombing and forced repatriations graphically portrayed here, may be in rather more odorous condition. The author is a senior editor of Forbes magazine.

As always in Derbyshire, the bathroom was icy cold. But my bath was brimming hot.

I lowered myself very, very slowly into the water. Steam rose around me. My legs fully immersed now, warm water licked around my thighs. Delicious. I sank just a little further down: the supreme pleasure still to come. I waited for it - held it back - held myself, poised, hovering just a fraction above the bathtub bottom, half in, half out, trembling in

Now? Or should I hold it off for a few moments yet, wickedly postponing the pleasure until it became unbearable . . . a sudden curtain of rain lashed against the window . . . a breath of freezing air on my ribs. I shivered with excitement

Now! And I let go. Every muscle relaxed. My head dropped back. My body sank. And two

waves — two big, hot, gentle waves of steaming water — rolled in from each side of the bath, and closed softly across my chest. I opened my eyes to see my favourite green flannel floating languorously past, and I smiled.

Boy oh boy! That sure beat sex. Let's face it, readers. So do a hundred other things. Each of us could offer a list of small everyday pleasures. Occasion? Com-monplace. Duration? Short. Gratification? Intense!

What about grinding pepper, for instance, or the smell of fresh coffee? What about cracking the ring-pull aluminium seal on a can of cold beer on a hot day . . . and that first mouthful: a pleasure

equal to the sum of the pleasures of all the subsequent mouthfuls. What about the first rending of the flesh of a crunchy green apple, the popping of bubble seaweed with your toes in the wet sand or vandalizing that plastic bubbleckaging material with a series of delicious little crackling bangs? Has Xanadu anything to compare?

Is there anything nicer than the crack from a washing line of wet clothes in a stiff breeze? Or the crack of a bar of chilled, black chocolate being divided in two? And why is this pair of pleasures grouped in my mind with the wonderful sensation of waking up too hot in bed, and sliding across



Bedtime thrill without the sex

to where the sheets are cool, the pillow cold, the bed unrumpled? In fact, isn't sleeping alone the most exquisite of all the sensual

pleasures? There is a moment, as you drift

over the border from waking to sleep, when it is possible to hover. It needs a conscious effort to linger, poised on the edge just a little longer than you are supposed to - then, as sleep overwhelms, to sayour the moment of surrender. But it's worth it Just as it's worth setting the alarm on Friday night for 7am - simply for the pleasure of silencing it at a rainy dawn, snuggling back down, and remembering it's Saturday.

Some of these delights appeal to sections. The moment (for readers in the dress circle) when you realize that the waiter carrying plates of food is destined for your table - and the rattle of chips in a casino; the moment (for

readers in the sixpenny stalls) when you see the number on the approaching bus is the one you're waiting for - and the click of the balls on a pub pool table. Some are universal. Walking with bare feet across a putting green; walking on leaves that are glazed with frost; seeing the face of someone you love waiting for you at the airport; seeing the letters "CR" against what had appeared to be a horrendous total on your gas bill. And who has not savoured that first instance of sweet silence after the faulty burglar alarm has been turned off?

Some are personal, / like tearing sheets and smashing windows, the feel (not the sound) of

an explosion, the scrape of a barber's cut-throat razor on a wet sideburn, the lick of a cat's tongue, and that final yank as you pull the Elastoplast off. I like the sensation of someone lightly touching the hairs just above my ankle. Mary Ann Sieghart likes sneaking up to the traffic lights and overtaking a whole line of cars as the lights go green, starting a new notebook, freewheeling downhill on a bike and seeing her name spelt right in print.

But everyone - surely - likes crunching across the frosted suiface of virgin snow. And who wouldn't fight for the right to be the one to break the paper scal on a jar of Nescafe? And, no, these are not sublimated male sex drives. Quite the reverse.

It is sex which is the displacement activity. Sex is the sublimation of a universal human drive to break Nescafé seals.

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AFRIKANER STATESMANSHIP

Statesmanship is not a word normally associated with the men who in pursuit of the myth of apartheid have for the last four decades led South Africa down the path of internal repression and international isolation. When Mr F. W. de Klerk rose to deliver his Opening of Parliament address in Cape Town yesterday, he had no contemporary models on which to

Indeed, the last time a leader of South Africa's white tribe promised to rise to the occasions of statesmanship, his only memorable gesture was an admonitory finger poked in the eye of an expectant world. Yesterday, Mr P. W. Botha's far more courageous successor held out a firm but welcoming hand to those long imprisoned or exiled as enemies of the South African State - who must negotiate with him South Africa's emergence as a true

It is too early to know how eagerly or quickly that hand will be grasped. There are those within the African National Congress and in the internal movements who cling to the belief that "people power" will effect a simple transfer of power to the black majority without the tedium of talks. Others, recognizing a negotiating weakness in the divisions which plague the black opposition may play for time.

They will probably insist that Mr de Klerk, by not lifting the state of emergency in its entirety and by releasing only those political prisoners who have not been sentenced for acts of violence, has not met all the negotiating preconditions laid down in last year's Harare declaration. He has, however, done very much more than set the negotiating table with the cutlery demanded by the ANC and its allies.

It was a speech distinguished by a remarkable degree of candour and an absence of the glib if convoluted constitutional "solutions" so beloved by his predecessors - indeed, Mr de Klerk has referred the whole vexed question of the protection of minorities to the South African Law Commission. He has also seized much of the moral high ground once claimed by his opponents.

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He has unbanned all proscribed political organizations (including the South African Communist Party). He has rolled back most of the emergency regulations and promised to end the state of emergency once peace returns, particularly to Natal, which has been torn by a bloody internecine strife between rival black groups. He has suspended executions and reviewed South Africa's unhealthy attachment to the death penalty, and he has released all those who can justifiably be termed prisoners of conscience.

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In doing all this, Mr de Klerk is clearly trying to meet two objectives systematically ignored by all his predecessors - to re-introduce the rule of law into the conduct of South African life and to introduce the principle of accountability into its politics. The burden of accountability now rests as heavily on the black opposition as it does on him.

By opening the door to the negotiating room and refusing to ban any demand from the agenda, by allowing all political organizations to express their views in free and vigorous debate, Mr de Klerk has effectively asked them to abandon the politics of street theatre and violent unrest for the serious business of mapping South Africa's future. They thus share with him the responsibility for the final lifting of the state of emergency and South Africa's peaceful transition to a free and open

This may not please the divided legions in Lusaka. With appropriate encouragement from Western leaders, however, (and given the Soviet Union's growing unwillingness to fund the "armed struggle") it is an invitation they should find increasingly hard to decline.

Mr Nelson Mandela should also find it difficult to decline his promised unconditional release. The delay in opening the gates of the Victor Verster prison was probably due as much to Mr de Klerk's unwillingness to share vesterday's spotlight as to "logistical concerns" for the prisoner's safety. If, however, Mr Mandela still wishes to negotiate the "terms" of his release, the South African Government should lose no time in issuing its now unwelcome tenant with an eviction order.

Yesterday Mr de Klerk did not merely abandon repression for free debate. He also went two-thirds of the way to granting all the ANC's pre-conditions. The time has thus come for Mr Mandela, his ANC colleagues and their internal supporters to go that other third to meet him in an act of reciprocal statesmanship. Equally, it is time for those who used sanctions to lever open the door to peaceful negotiations in South Africa to see to it that the door is not now slammed in Mr de Klerk's face.

ONE FATHERLAND

Two announcements made this week dissolved the tentative pictures of a future Germany which were being sketched by many hands. Now the blueprints have to be drawn again.

President Bush's speech setting the future number of American troops in Europe at 195,000 and Prime Minister Modrow's endorsement of full reunification considerably increase the urgency with which both Eurosider not just the future of the next decades but of the next few months. Western strategy for the future has to take full account of two realities which it is beyond any power to affect: the unenforceability of Western restraints against reunification if the Germans decide in favour of it, and the historic rivalry between Germany and the Soviet Union.

Herr Modrow did not simply propose reunification: he said that Germany should be militarily neutral. Since he broke this new ground immediately after a consultation with Mr Gorbachov, it can be assumed that the change has Moscow's approval or encouragement. The Soviet leader himself had set the ball rolling with his most open acceptance of reunification to date at the beginning of this week. A trade-off between reunification and neutrality will no doubt be presented by the Soviet Union as simplifying several dilemmas. In truth the offer is both dangerous and complicating.

The danger arises principally from the fact that in an ideal world several separate processes - the collapse of East Germany, arms reduction negotiations, the construction of a new security "architecture" for Europe would march in step with each other. In this imperfect one, events in East Germany are outstripping all else.

This means that the four occupation powers face an urgent task in attempting to find some temporary arrangements which - while we wait for a more permanent pan-European settlement - do not frustrate German selfdetermination while easing the maximum

possible Soviet withdrawal. It is not necessarily possible for Nato simply to wait for East Germany to subside into the present alliance: the presence of Soviet forces and the risk of unrest make such a neat solution unlikely.

Herr Genscher, the West German Foreign Minister, this week rehearsed a proposal also advanced by Dr Henry Kissinger: that as reunification proceeded, the territory that is now East Germany should be neutral while the Nato forces in the present West Germany remain as they are. The speech was notably short of detail but reassuring: it took as given active West German continuance in Nato.

The governing Mayor of Berlin has just been in Paris and London to promote the idea that, while civil reunification proceeds, the principles of the four-power agreement for Berlin could be extended. The advantages would be a reassuring stability for the major powers involved and a first step in the reduction of the Soviet military presence east of the Eibe. But it is open to question how this would go down with a West German electorate already chafing at the presence of outside powers, and the Soviet reaction is unknown.

The deliberations of West Germany's allies take place as a federal election campaign gathers pace and while civil authority and the skilled workforce in East Germany drain away. The intermediate schemes currently in the air all assume firm West German adhesion to Nato and outright rejection of the Modrow proposal of neutrality for an entire reunified Germany as a condition of reunification.

With an SPD victory in the federal election at the end of this year and its candidate, Herr Oskar Lafontaine, as Chancellor, that assumption could not be automatic. The British Government, while it should work to fill the gap left where a German policy should be, ought to avoid doing anything which harms the survival chances of the present CDU-FDP coalition. The Foreign Secretary, who makes a major speech in Bonn on Tuesday, faces a large and delicate task.

Drinking and driving

From Sir Ian Lloyd, MP for Havant (Conservative) Sir, The MORI survey summarised in *The Times* on January 25 has produced evidence to suggest a wide divergence between the attitude towards the realities of the drunk-driving problem of the public, the Government, Par-liament, and the police. It will reopen the debate on appropriate methods of dealing with the problem at a time when the Government has announced that it proposes to "encourage chief officers of police to use their powers to the full in the enforcement of the law relating to drinking and driving" (Hansard, January 24).

Parliament has not made it an offence to drink and drive. If it is dangerous, then the limit should be lowered after proper consideration of the many complex factors involved. That judgment is a matter for the House of Commons and a change of substance should not be a consequence of an instruction to chief constables to be more zealous in their enforce-

ment of the law. The consequences of failing a breath test at any limit are already so serious that responsible motorists have every right to employ any sensible means to ensure that they are not a danger to the public or

themselves. This calls for a reversal of the present police hostility towards the ownership or use of a private or public breath-tester, as has become common practice in Australia and California.

A risk-free society is incompatible with civil liberty in the broadest sense of that term. Nor is it either practicable or desirable that the motor vehicle should ever be regarded as an appropriate instrument for the enforcement, effectively, of prohibition. Any such attempt would fail here even more abysmally than it did in the United States. Yours sincerely,

IAN LLOYD, House of Commons.

From Mrs Merle E. Corbett Sir, Today's results of the MORI poll for Lex Service on driving at-

Learning to read

Sir, Douglas Broome's article on dyslexia (Education, January 22) evoked strong feelings of dejd-vu for me. As a pupil taught to read in the early 40s, I do not remember any of my peers, even the least intelligent of us, experiencing difficulty using an approach based initially on phonetics and the sounds formed by groups of

Ultimately, of course, one progresses into a "look and say"

titudes made interesting reading. Yesterday I was subjected to considerable harassment by four youths in a large car. After a deal of gesticulating, horn-blowing, etc., they drove at great speed through a residential area. They found this very amusing and I assumed they were drunk or

otherwise incapable. I noted the car number and rang the Thames Valley Police. I was told that nothing could be done as I was alone in my car and therefore could not produce an independent witness.

phonetic approach, since the "look-say" method commences

Yours faithfully, MERLE E. CORBETT. 5 Astor Close, Winnersh, Wokingham, Berkshire. January 25.

mode, but I have never understood modern primary teachers' From Mrs K. R. Jemmett fierce opposition to a visually

with the pupil in a vacuum. Has the modern approach created a generation of dysicxics who might have fared better on the old regime? Yours faithfully, KATE JEMMETT.

Kiln Field, Puttenham,

Guildford, Surrey.

LETTERS TO THE EDITOR

UK attitude to Dalai Lama

From Lord Ennals and others Sir, Though martial law has been lifted in Beijing, it is still ruthlessly imposed in Lhasa. Yet last month when we asked in a Lords debate whether, if the exiled Tibetan leader, HH the Dalai Lama, were to visit Britain, a minister would meet him, we were astonished and saddened to hear the answer from the Government front bench that no minister would be permitted to

We are unaware of any other occasion when her Majesty's Gov-ernment has refused to meet a Nobel prize-winner. Indeed, we know that others, such as Lech Walesa, Archbishop Tutu, and Andrei Sakharov, were received with enthusiasm. Conversely, the Prime Minister has not been afraid to receive leaders who have followed paths not at all associated with peace and of repre-sentatives of opposition groups. Examples are leaders of the Palestine Liberation Organization, the African National Congress, and the Cambodian resistance.

The British Government justifies its treatment of the latest Nobel Laureate as some sort of international pariah by saying that a meeting with him would "be open to misinterpretation". It is an answer that smacks more of fear than of caution. Presidents and prime ministers in Norway, Costa Rica, and Mexico have not been afraid to receive the Dalai Lama, in spite of the threats from Beijing. He is visiting Prague this week, at the invitation of a Government tasting its first weeks of democracy and of a president new to his high office.

As the winds of change blow across Europe, should we not remember that these movements were led by people and politicians who have stood up, unafraid, for democracy and freedom? Is there not something here from which the British Government should learn in its future dealings with Beijing? When change comes in China, as it is bound to do sooner or later, people will recall those who gave support to the freedom movement and those who refused to do so.

Yours sincerely, DAVID ENNALS, AVEBURY, DIANA ELLES, JANE EWART-BIGGS, MERSEY.

DAVID WILLOUGHBY DE BROKE, House of Lords. " January 29.

BBC arts policy From Mr Leslie Megahey

Sir, There are curious misapprehensions detectable behind Sheridan Morley's two-weeks-inabout BBC Television's arts policy. Bewilderingly, he dismisses The Late Show from his observations about our coverage of topical arts issues. Yet that is the main brief of the series.

Last week the programme seatured a debate on Gary Taylor's provocative new book on Shakespeare, a film on the rehanging of the Tate Gallery, a feature on the playwright Howard Barker, and an expose of the Frans Hals controversy which was handsomely recognised elsewhere in your pages. None of this seems to be obsessively avant-garde.

Mr Morley appears similarly confused about Arena, lamenting its conversion from a "general arts programme" to a wilfully random series. But it always was unashamedly eclectic, which is how it made its name, won its five Bafta (British Academy of Film and Television Arts) awards, and can continue to produce work of the quality of last week's Oblomov.

Mr Morley seems to think Arena has replaced Omnibus. Omnibus runs on BBC 1 in the autumn, Arena on BBC 2 from January to May. For further study of our arts policy, I refer Mr Morley to the other 300 hours plus of arts documentary and performance which we will be transmitting this year. Yours faithfully,

LESLIE MEGAHEY (Head of Music and Arts), Wood Lane, W12. January 31.

Cleaning up London

From Mr Peter Johnson Sir, I do not wish to become embroiled in the internecine struggles of Westminster City Council (letters, Councillors Segal and Dimoldenberg, January 26 and 30 respectively). However, it is worth pointing out that at the time Westminster invited tenders for its refuse collection and cleansing service Cory Onyx Limited simply did not exist. Indeed, we estabhished it as a response to the pancity of competent contractors operating in this marketplace.

Through its environmental division Cory Onyx's parent company, Ocean Group plc, has in fact been providing waste-manage-ment services to the people of London in partnership with local government for more than 60 years. Annually we transport and dispose of 500,000 tonnes of the capital's household refuse.

The boroughs of Hammersmith and Fulham, Kensington and Chelsea, Lambeth, Tower Hamlets, and Wandsworth are the beneficiaries of our containerised barge-transportation system. These long-term contracts, and others before them, were of course secured as a result of highly in-

'Catch 22' if postal monopoly ends Continuing quest

for urban deliveries at, say, 50p.

To be consistent, the Government

the same obligations of delivery

Our members are just as dis-

satisfied with existing levels of

service as everyone else. We want to provide the public with the

reliable, guaranteed next-day ser-

vice which once made the British

Post Office the envy of the world.

But that requires investment - in

modernising antiquated Victorian

sorting offices and in staff re-

sources (turnover amongst post-

men is over 50 per cent in some

areas in the South-east and recruit-

ment is very difficult because of

financial targets have forced the

Post Office to cut costs and make

profits rather than invest in improved services; £671 million

has been transferred into Govern-

ment coffers through external

finance limit payments over the

So the Government is res-

ponsible for a "Catch 22" situa-

tion. First, it has prevented the

Post Office from investing the

amounts needed to improve ser-

vices; then it seeks to use the

resulting public dissatisfaction as

an excuse to privatise by abolish-

Union of Communication Workers, U.C.W. House, Crescent Lane, SW4.

ing or relaxing the monopoly.

Yet the Government's stringent

low earnings).

past 10 years.

Yours sincerely, ALAN TUFFIN,

February 2.

General Secretary,

UK at the same price.

From the General Secretary of the Union of Communication Workers going to opt only for profitable Sir, Your leading article (February 2) discussing the possibility of the ending of the Post Office's monopoly on letter delivery should cause widespread alarm amongst the general public, especially people living in outlying or rural areas.

Even free marketeers, anxious to privatise the Post Office, agree that the universal tariff first introduced by Rowland Hill in 1840 would have to go if the letter monopoly was abolished. That would mean differential pricing according to distance or ease of

As private operators would only

be interested in creaming off more profitable inter-city and urban traffic, the Post Office could only compete by dropping its present cross-subsidy for outlying deliveries which totals about 6 per cent of turnover, or £180 million. Removal of the rural subsidy

would force the price of a stamp for rural collections or deliveries up to a 75p range. (The alternative is to reduce still further the

Although that would be the inevitable consequence of simply ending the letter monopoly, this would also be the result if the Government simply decided to reduce the £1 limit under which private couriers cannot handle

Postal workers are not afraid of competition, but the public will suffer unless the competition is on a level playing field. If Mr Ridley (report, February 1) retains the basic monopoly but effectively erodes it simply by reducing the £1

Crisis in Caucasus

Studies

From the Director General of the

Union, giving his view of Mos-

cow's military action in Azer-

baijan (January 27), admitted that

in both Soviet republics of Arme-

alists". But the state of emergency

was only clamped in Azerbaijan,

using excessive force and fire-

power in the presence of the Soviet

The ambassador's claim that

military forces have been sent

with one purpose only - to prevent further bloodshed" was

already contradicted by his De-

fence Minister, General Dimitri

Yazov, who told a press con-

ference in Baku last week that the

Army had been used to crush the Azerbaijan Popular Front.

in the Soviet Union are excluded

from the selective application of

perestroika. While the Russian

President himself went pleading

and placating the nationalists in

the Bultic, he sent his tanks and

troops to suppress nationalist

aspirations of the Azerbaijani

International Centre for Islamic

144-146 King's Cross Road, WC1.

Sir, As archivist and historian of

The Hall, Hampstead, I have been

intrigued by the competing claims of your correspondents (January 16,20,22,23,25) over static school

fees in days of yore. Can any school match the achievement of

my predecessor, G. A. Wathen? In

March, 1948, he wrote to parents

When I took over The Hall in 1924,

the tuition fees were 16 guineas a term. They have remained at this

The reason given for a 25 per cent increase the following term

has a much more contemporary

... the independent schools will not survive unless they can compete effectively with the State schools in the recruiting of teachers.

The fact that Hall fees have risen 60-fold since 1948 is in large

measure an indicator of the

school's attention to this observa-

PADDY HEAZELL (Headmaster),

novative and cost-effective tenders.

casts his mind back he will, I am

sure, recall that we held contracts

for the transportation of Westmin-

ster's waste by barge for some 20 years up to 1984. At that time we

chose to abandon the environ-

mentally unacceptable practice of

tipping waste into open barges and

introduced a fully containerised system instead. Unfortunately

Westminster was not in a position

to benefit from this system at the

PETER JOHNSON (Director,

Ocean Environmental Division,

74/77 Great Russell Street, WC1.

From Councillor Judith Barnes

Sir, Recent events in Camden

have exposed as hollow the claim

by the leader of Camden Council

(January 26) to be committed to securing the level of service in

refuse collection and street clean-

ing to which Camden residents are

The latest figures, now official,

reveal that the default level has

risen from an average of 14 per

cent in September to over 40 per

cent in December, well above the

Yours faithfully

entitled.

Ocean Group plc),

Bloomsbury House,

If Councillor Dimoldenberg

tion about teachers' salaries.

The Hall, Crossfield Road, ... Hampstead, NW3.

To memory dear

From Mr R. P. Heazell

Muslims.

January 30.

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figure ever since.

Yours faithfully.

Yours faithfully,

Evidently, the ethnic Muslims

Defence Minister himself.

International Centre for Islamic

CPS under fire

From Mr C. E. J. Gardner Sir, I was interested to read the report (January 31) concerning allegations of incompetence lev-Sir, The Ambassador of the Soviet elled by the police at the Crown Prosecution Service. My experience in the West Midlands as a defence solicitor leads me to doubt nia and Azerbaijan "the ethnic the validity of two grounds of conflict grew into military actions between the groups of both nation-

apparent complaint. In cases of assault on the police our local CPS almost invariably will seek the views of the police before discontinuing prosecutions, although crown prosecutors can take such decisions independently and without reference to the police.

Wearing my other hat of matrimonial lawyer, it is my experience that in cases of domestic violence the police themselves frequently advise complainants to institute civil injunction proceedings, Such matters consequently rarely come before the Crown Prosecution Service for consideration. Yours faithfully, C. E. J. GARDNER,

George Jonas & Co (Solicitors), oyai Insurance Building 5 Waterloo Street, Birmingham 2. January 31.

Moles and spurge S. A. MOID, Director-General,

From Professor Kenneth Mellanby Sir, I am afraid that those who follow Lord Armstrong's advice (January 25) and plant caper spurge (Euphorbia lathrys) in the hope of driving away moles from their gardens are likely to be disappointed.

I have had two gardens, on gravel soil in Hertfordshire and on clay in Huntingdonshire, where moles and caper spurge coexisted quite happily. One permanent mole run was within inches of a fruiting spurge plant.

No doubt Lord Armstrong's observation is accurate — that is, that no more mole hills appeared after he planted the spurge. But I am sure the same thing would have happened anyhow. Moles only make mole hills when they are actively constructing their

burrows. When they have a long enough tunnel system to trap adequate amounts of food (worms, insects, etc.) they cease to burrow. No more hills appear until burrowing is again required because the food supply becomes inadequate, the tunnels are waterlogged, or cold weather makes the moles dig deeper into the warmer earth. I suspect that Lord Armstrong's mole is still present.

Yours etc., KENNETH MELLANBY,

38 Warkworth Street, Cambridge. 30 per cent level at which the council is entitled to terminate the

contract. These bare figures are reflected in the squalor that now afflicts large parts of the borough. Unfortunately, the penalties have not increased proportionately as, however high the default level, the penalty remains at 10 per cent once the 30 per cent default level is reached — the assumption being no doubt that the council would take the obvious course of terminating the contract at that

Faced with these facts. I put it to the Public Health Committee on Wednesday that the council had to recognise that the council's workforce, who were awarded the contract in August, had shown themselves incapable of performing it adequately and there was now no alternative to inviting the next lowest tenderer to take over the contract or, failing that, to retender.

Every single Labour councillor, without exception, voted to keep the contract in the hands of the council's workforce.

Yours faithfully, JUDITH BARNES, London Borough of Camden, The Town Hall, Euston Road, NWI.

for church unity

going to opt only for profitable traffic — a special next-day service From Lady Thwaites Sir, Canon John Reynolds (January 27) must be challenged when he says that "unity in all our must require competitors to have churches is a matter of degree". Catholics believe that one holy, catholic and apostolic Church already exists and, according to and collection to all parts of the Vatican II, this Church is "a sign and instrument of Communion with God and of unity among all men", a unity which "subsists in the Church as something she can never lose", whereas "other churches are not blessed with that unity".

These unequivocal statements can be softened by other references from the council's decrees but not denied. Thus a unique unity is claimed which is expressed in Holy Communion and which logically excludes those who do not share the same faith.

For Catholics, then, full unity is a ship which, while in need of constant renovation, is none the less a ship to be boarded, not one to be built, and the obligation to preserve that unity can hardly be egarded by them as less grave than the duty to achieve it.

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It seems to be the case that there are two kinds of unity; the first is well defined by Canon Reynolds as a "reconciled diversity" and is to be welcomed as such. But within this wider, looser unity of Christians as a whole there is a formal unity in which Christ's authority is not only acknowledged but also located as operating in and through a particular church. It is this visible, audible, living authority which is believed to be the necessary principle of

true and abiding unity. In any case, attempts to seek agreement for its own sake, or to signify it where it is not in truth to be found, are doomed to failure. Instead of moaning about the status quo, therefore, would it not be better gladly to continue together the harmonious search, already well in hand, for a greater understanding of the truth in which alone we can be made one? Yours faithfully, KATHARINE THWAITES,

Milnthorpe, Winchester, Hampshire. January 29.

From Mr Paul Bird Sir, I do so agree with Canon Reynolds. No Anglican who has experienced the same kind of contact with the Roman Catholic Church as he has, and which he so movingly describes, can have failed to come to the same conclusion as he, namely that because the Eucharist is pre-eminently the sacrament of unity, whatever else may divide us, at this point at least

we are *already* one. Though we are many we are one one bread - who dare say that this does not refer, in substance, to the entire body of Christian believers and indeed, through time, to the entire body of humankind?

May we not, therefore, look forward to the day, not too far hence, when individual Anglicans of catholic persuasion could, if they so desire, be received into the Church of Rome whilst permitted to remain Anglicans and, for all regular purposes, continue their customary practice of worship within their own communion. Thus they would become both Anglican and Roman Catholic the nearest analogy to which being perhaps that of acquiring dual nationality. Yours faithfully,

PAUL BIRD. 73 Airedale Avenue, Chiswick, W4. January 30.

Storm comfort From Dr H. A. Kanitkar

Sir, On the night of the severe storm which paralysed London I, along with many others, was marooned at Moorfields Eye Hospital in City Road after surgical treatment, with no way of getting home. Many patients, like myself, were diabetic, and in need of prompt attention.

Words cannot express the appreciation I feel for all the staff of this hospital, who coped in a patient, considerate and practical, helpful way with the tensions of patients far from home, sometimes with impaired vision, sometimes disabled as well. We were made to feel "at home" and welcome, even though we must have caused disruption to hospital routine.

This was the National Health Service at its best; anyone who doubts the country's need for such a service should have been with us at Moorfields on the night of January 25. Yours faithfully,

HELEN KANITKAR, 83 Bulwer Road, New Barnet, Hertfordshire. January 26.

Blow by blow

From Mr Mark Dakin Sir, While standing in a crowded train, much delayed by damage caused by the recent strong winds, I noticed a fellow passenger reading a book entitled Malta - The Hurricane Years, 1940 and 1941. No doubt he had left The Wind

in the Willows at home. Yours faithfully. MARK DAKIN. 24 Castle Road, St Albans, Hertfordshire, January 29.

Letters to the Editor should carry a daytime telephone number. They may be sent to a fax number -

(01)782 5046.

Marriages

Drax and Miss C.M. Wall

Mr P. J. Mewatt and Miss M. V. A. Ogilvy

The marriage took place on Friday, February 2, at St Andrew's Church, Ham, between Mr Paul Mowatt and Miss Marina Ogilvy. The Reverend David Moore officiated.

The marriage took place yes

TOMORROW: Vice-Admiral Sir Peter Ashmore, 69; the Hon Sir Cive Bossom, former MP, 72; Dr P.E. Thompson Hancock, oncologist, 86; Sir Robert Haslam, chairman, British Coal, 67; Mr R.C. Hoban, writer, 65; the Marquess of Huntly, 46; Mr Steve Knight, jockey, 35; Mr Erich Leinsdorf, conductor, 78; the Hon Mrs Ray Michie, MP, 56; Lord Moncreiff, 75; Mr Stanley Newens, MEP, 60; Lord Shawcross, QC, 88; Dr Hugh Sincksir, nutritionist, 80; Mr John Willan, managing director, London Philharmonic Orchestra, 47; the Most Rey Derek

estra, 47; the Most Rev Derek Worlock, Archbishop of Liverpool, 70.

University news

Honorary degrees are to be conferred on the following in

DSc: Sir David Smith, Principal

LLD: Professor David Daube,

at the university; Sir Iain Tennant, Lord Lieutenant of Moraysbire; Dr Leslie

Macfarlane, honorary reader of the university, Mr Henry Catto,

Sir David Wilson, Mr Ted

Hughes, Manuel Puig, the Span-ish novelist, and Dr Peter Mitchell are expected to be conferred with honorary degrees

Halliwell Landau, a commercial

law firm based in Manchester

has promised nearly £250,000

over 10 years to sponsor the law

faculty's reading room by help-ing towards the cost of staffing

Horners' Company

The following have been elected

officers of the Horners' Com-pany for the ensuing year: Master, Mr Newton K. Grant;

Master, Mr Newton A. Grand, Upper Warden, Mr Donald du Pare Braham; Renter Warden, Mr Harry Kleeman; Deputy Master, Mr Bernard Schaverien.

Royal Society
Sir George Porter, OM, President of the Royal Society, presided at the annual Croomian lecture delivered by Professor R.A. Hinde at 6 Carlton House

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Elections JESUS COLLEG Fellowables

TOMORROW: Vice-Admiral

COURT CIRCULAR

BUCKINGHAM PALACE February 2: This evening The Princess Royal, Patron, United Kingdom/New Zealand 1990 Organisation, attended the Waitangi Day Dinner at Grosvenor House, Park Lane. Her Royal Highness was at-tended by Mrs Andrew Feilden.

KENSINGTON PALACE February 2: The Princess of Wales, Patron, British Deaf Association, attended a lunch to terday at St Augustine's, High Wycombe, of Mr Charles Plunkett-Ernle-Erle-Drax, third launch their Centenary Year at the Mansion House, EC4. Prunkett-Ernle-Erle-Drax, third son of Mr and the Hon Mrs H.W. Plunkett-Ernle-Erle-Drax, of Charborough Park, Wareham, Dorset, to Miss Camilla Wall, daughter of Mr and Mrs Christopher Wall, of The Apple Orchard, Bradenham, High Wycombe, Buckinghamshire. The Rev William Strain and the Rev Nicolas Stacey officiated. Miss Anne Beckwith-Smith and Mr Richard Arbiter were in

Luncheon

Newspaper Conference Professor Roland Smith, Chairman of British Aerospace, was the guest of bonour and speaker at the annual luncheon of the Newspaper Conference held yesterday at the London International Press Centre. Mr Frederick Hackworth, chairman of the conference, presided.

Inner Temple The Princess Royal has been elected a Royal Bencher of the Inner Temple.

The bride, who was given inmarriage by her father, was attended by Emily Parry, Emily Troubridge, Tamara Drax, Sophia Brudenell, Clare Corbett, Michael and David Parsons, Edward Bamfylde and Oliver Wilkinson. Mr Anthony Fortescue was been held at the A reception was held at the home of the bride.

Birthdays TODAY: Sir Anthony Alment, obstetrician and gynaecologist, 68; Miss Gillian Ayres, painter, 60; Mr Val Doonican, singer, 61; Viscount Dunluce, 55; Air Chief Viscount Dunluce, 55; Air Chief Marshal Sir John Gingell, 65; Sir Edgar Keatinge, former MP and company director, 85; Mr James A. Michener, author, 83; Miss Detta O'Cathian, managing-director, Barbican Centre, 52; Miss Elaine Padmore, opera singer and director, 43; Brigadier the Hon Darme Mary Phil dier the Hon Dame Mary Pihl, former director, WRAC, 74; Professor Sir Alexander Robert-son, veterinarian, 82; Lord Sherfield, 86; Mr Glen Tetley, choreographer, 64; Mr Frankie Vaughan, singer, 62.

Dinners

New Zealand Society

The Princess Royal was the New Zealand Society held last night at Grosvenor House, to mark the anniversary of the signing of the Treaty of Waitangi Mrs Jan Harvey, it, welcomed the guests and read messages from The Queen, the Duke of Edinburgh, patron of the society, and the Prime Minister of New Zealand. Mr Noel Scott, Minister without Portfolio for New Zealand, also spoke. The Lord Mayor and Lady Mayoress of Westminster attended. Among others present

Lord and Lady Brahazon of Tara, Sir Alan and Lady Trail, the Master and Wardens of the Girdlers' Company, the Rev David and Mrs Surgess and Dr and Mrs David Kirk.

Farriers' Company Dr W.D. Tavernor, Master of the Farriers' Company, pre-sided, assisted by Mr T.P.M. Neligan, Upper Warden, Mr J.G. Barsham, Middle Warden, and Sir Gordon Shattock Renter Warden, at a dinner held ast night at Founders' Hall. Mr R.J.D. Thompson, Assistant, Mr A.R.W. Porter, Secretary and Registrar of the Royal College of Veterinary Surgeons and the the Right Rev W.J.D. Down, Bishop of Bermuda, also spoke. Among others present

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Mr Alderman A.M. Graham. Mr M R
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The King's Troop, Royal Horse
Artillery) and Miss A Philipott (headmixtress, SI Martin-the-Fields High
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Oratory School

The Cardinal Newman Cen-tenary Day will be celebrated on Wednesday, May 2, 1990 at the Oratory School. Solemn Mass the Provost of Birmingham Oratory and the Archbishop of Birmingham will be the preacher. The Chorus and Orchestra of the Cambridge University Musical Society, conducted by Stephen Cleobury, will perform The Dream of Gerontius at 7.30 pm. Any old Oratorians wishing to attend either or both of the above functions should apply in writing to the Headmaster's Secretary by February 28, 1990.

1874; Alvar Aalto, architect and

DEATHS: Germain Pilou.

Today

George Lillo, dramatist, London, 1693; Carl Bellman, song writer, Stockholm, 1740; Tadieusz Kosciuszko, Polish pa-triot, Mereczowczezyna, 1746; William Harrison Ainsworth, powiest Manchaster, 1808; BIRTHS: Felix Mendelssohn, Hamburg, 1809; Elizabeth Blackwell, co-founder of the London School of Medicine for Women, Bristol, 1821; Robert rovelist, Manchester, 1805; Fernand Leger, painter, Argenton, France, 1881; Edwin Pratt, poet, Western Bay, Newfoundland, 1883; Ugo Betti, dramatist, Camerino, It-Cecil, 3rd Marquess of Salisbury, prime minister 1885-86, 1886-92, 1895-1902, Harfield House, Hertfordshire, 1830; Hugh Montague Trenchard, 1st Viscount Trenchard, Marshal of aly, 1892; Ludwig Erhard, Chan-cellor of the Federal Republic of Germany, 1963-66; Fürth, 1897; the Royal Air Force, Commissioner of the Metropolitan Police 1931-35, Taunton, 1873: Gertrude Stein, novelist and critic, Alleghany, Pennsylvania,

Anniversaries

Lecture

Terrace last night.

Jacques Prèvert, poet, Neuilly-sur-Seine, 1900; Charles Lind-bergh, aviator, Detroit, 1902; Dietrich Bonhoeffer, Protestant theologian, Breslau, 1906. designer, Kuortane, Finland, 1898: Luigi Dallapiccola, com-poser, Pisino, Austria, 1904. **DEATHS: Lucius Septimus Se** verus, Roman emperor 193-211, York, 211; Antonio Pollainolo, sculptor, Paris, 1590; Richard ('Beau') Nash, master of ceresculptor, Rome, 1498; John ("Heati") Nasht, master of cere-monies at Bath, 1761; George Crabbe, poet, Trowbridge, Wilt-shire, 1832; Sir Morell Macken-zie, physician, London, 1892; Rogers, protestant martyr, burnt at the stake, London, 1555; Giovanni Battista Della Porta, philosopher, Naples, 1615; Rob-Woodrow Wilson, 28th president of the USA 1913-21, Nobel ert Koldewey, archaeologist who excavated Babylon, Berlin, Peace laureate 1920, Washington, 1924; Oliver Heaviside, 1925; Edward Sapir, anthropologist, New Haven, Connecticut, 1939. physicist, London, 1925; Boris Karloff, actor, Midhurst, Sus-

The Yaita Conference of Churchill, Roosevelt and Stalin, 1945. The first "colour supple-ment" was issued - with The BIRTHS: Pierre Marivaux, nov-elist and dramatist, Paris, 1688;

OBITUARIES

HELEN JEROME EDDY

Silent screen star who became real estate agent

Helen Jerome Eddy, a silent briefly into talking pictures during the 'Thirties' before retiring from the cinema, has died in Los Angeles at the age of 92 Miss Eddy, whose best

known work came in the 1920s, was raised in Los Angeles and was attracted to films by the old Philadelphiabased studio of Siegmund Lubin, which had just opened a film lot in her neighbour-hood. There she made a first film, The Red Virgin, in 1915. She moved from there to Paramount Studios and began

to appear in a number of starring roles. Typical of her starring roles. Typical of ner work during that period were Rebecca of Sunnybrook Farm (1916), The March Hare (1921), The Dark Angel (1925), Camille (1927) and The Divine Lady (1927).

One of her first sound pictures, also for Paramount, was Sooky (1931). She went on to appear in The Bitter Tea of General Yen,

the bizarre story of a missionary who falls in love with a Chinese warlord, with Barbara Stanwyck (1933); The Garden of Allah, with Marlene Dietrich (1936); and her last film, Strike Up the Band in 1940, in which she played the mother of one of Mickey Rooney's friends.

She claimed she had be-



Helen Jerome Eddy with Jackie Cooper in Paramount's Sooky, 1931

come dissatisfied, according estate career in the upper class Theater in the Hollywood to close associates, with the suburb of Pasadena. But she fiers paid her by Hollywood studios, and retired from films to pursue a successful real regular at the old Pilgrimage leaves no known survivors.

MICHAEL CLARK

Carvings and sculptures for places of worship throughout Britain

Michael Clark, who had a sculptor and was a past President of the Royal Society of British Sculptors, died at his home in Churt, Surrey, on January 24, aged 71. He was born in Cheltenham

and educated at Westminster Cathedral Choir School and Blackfriars School, Both his father, Philip, and his grandfather, Robert, were sculptors. Although Michael Clark worked first on a farm and then in the theatre for a time, he quickly realized that sculpture was his true calling and joined the family studio in Chelsea, dropping the name Lindsey in order to clearly differentiate himself from his

distinguished career as a intervened and Clark obtained his commission in the London Scottish before joining the Cameronians. His was an active war, where among other engagements, he was to head an occupation force in the Faroe Islands for 16 months, and fought in both the North African Desert War and the Italian campaign. Clark became an Associate

Member of the Royal Society of British Sculptors in 1949, a Fellow and long term Council Member culminating in his election to the presidency from 1971 to 1976.

Aylesford, Kent, where the 1978 for a group carved in Carmelite monks were to Portland stone, "Pastoral", a spend 20 years restoring the distinctly secular piece. abbey to its former glory.

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Some of Clark's best works adorn the abbey, perhaps the finest work being the figure of "Our Lady of the Assump-tion" which won his first Otto Beit Medal in 1960. He was awarded the Silver Medal of the Royal Society of British Sculptors in 1967 for a large carved relief of "Welcoming Christ" over the West Door of Westminster Abbey.

Clark's works are to be found in cathedrals, churches He was a devout Roman and chapels throughout the Catholic and a man of unerr- United Kingdom. However, ing principle. In 1949 he deviating from his usual pat-started work on a series of tern of work, he gained a daughters.

The Second World War commissions at "The Friars", further Otto Beit Medal in

a carver, in his latter years Clark also showed a fine sensibility for modelled form. Clark was a convinced supporter of the ecumenical

He also spent the last 10 years of his life as an unofficial sacristan at St Anselm's Church, Hindhead, becoming a eucharistic minister and taking Holy Communion to the old and sick of the parish. His wife Katie, whom he married in 1942, died in 1987. He leaves five sons and three

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GÜNTHER KLOSS British higher education and the spur of Europe

Gunther Kloss, first Director of the Centre for European in 1961 joined the University of Manchester Institute of of the Centre for European Studies established jointly by the University of Manchester and the University of Manchester Institute of Science and Technology in 1987, has died, aged 56, after a courageous fight against

Kloss's interests in European higher education and training had made him of recent years a well-known figure in both academic and policy circles throughout Ешгоре.

Of German origin - he was born in what is now East Germany in 1933 and first came to this country in the 1950s after reading English and French at Tübingen University - he particularly made himself an expert on the post-1945 West German higher education system. In recent years he often found himself the sole United King-dom representative at highlevel European meetings on higher education subjects. The contemporary decline of the UK higher education system, relative to the West German one, was of special sadness to

With Professor Philip Thody of Leeds University, he was invited a few years back by the Foreign Office to conduct a study of foreign language training in the British Diplomatic Service.

After a spell of language 1963, and two sons.

Science and Technology as a modern languages Lecturer. He was Warden of Chandos Hall, UMIST, from 1962 to 1973 and became a Senior Lecturer in 1974. Kloss was an ideal choice

when Manchester University and UMIST decided to set up a European Centre in recognition of the potential emerging elsewhere in Europe for enterprising British universities. He was ever alert in drawing the attention of colleagues both to new European Community initiatives and from his contacts in European higher education, to those Continental universities with a particular capacity to complement Manchester and UMIST. He also saw the Centre as a vehicle for bringing together scademics of all disciplines, as well as others with practical concerns, for analysis of policy issues.

It was while arranging an Erasmus exchange with the University of Burgundy in Dijon that he became ill last October.

Kloss's principal work was West Germany: An Introduction (1976). He had served as chairman of the Association for the Study of German Politics. He is survived by his wife

Diana, whom he married in

LORD McALPINE of MOFFAT

Alan Grieve writes:

Having read your obituary (January 8) of Lord McAlpine became a mecca for friends of Moffat, I would like, if I may, to add to your own very many years. recognition of his achievements and long life.

Having worked with Edwin McAlpine for some thirtyvears and known him in the recent decade or so as a very good friend, I may be able to express what many of his

We should remember Edwin McAlpine's earlier support of racing in his capacity as Chairman of Sandown which under his leadership acquired Epsom and was courses. His presence at ing lives of stable lads.

Epsom thereafter had centred on the McAlpine Box which became a mecca for friends

More recently in addition to being a distinguished owner he won the Racehorse Owners Award after the successes of Devon Ditty - and a member of the Jockey Club, Edwin McAlpine has been the moving spirit in developing the British racing School at Newmarket and again under his Chairmanship it has emerged from the shadows and is both viable and making a full contribution to the racing formed into United Race- industry and the future work-

Clifford Longley

Lead, kindly light, amid the encircling gloom

the American Ambassador, Mr James Naughtie, journalist and broadcaster, and Mr David Welch, former director of lei-Englishman of whom it may safely be said that his influence has even now not reached its peak. John Henry Newman was born on February 21, 1801 and died August 11, 1890. This is his centenary year, and the two dates have made a useful bracket for a sort of Newman eason or festival all over Britain.

His two Oxford colleges, Oriel and Trinity, anticipated the first date by inaugurating a series of weekly lectures in his honour last month. The Chan-cellor of Oxford, Lord Jenkins of Hillhead, is to conclude the series appropriately with a lecture expounding one of Newman's most celebrated and civilized works, The Idea of a University, on February 27, followed by a dinner at Trinity. Birmingham, to which Newman moved after Oxford, is having a civic dinner in his honour; and all the other institutions with which he was connected, or which claim some association, are similarly arranging their events. The National Portrait Gallery is staging a Newman exhibition, starting on March

The Idea of a University remains the classic statement of the case for liberal education as good in itself, thereby investing Newman with the posthumous status of a controversialist in the contemporary debate about the meaning and purpose of the academic life.

He was a controversialist throughout his long career, nor is this the first time his voice has been heard arguing from the grave. The Archbishop of Canterbury, Dr Robert Runcie, who has two Newman services to preach at this year, recently declared that some of Newman's questions, especially on the development of doctrine in the Christian Church, were still waiting to be taken seriously and the time had come to face them. The Essay on the Development of Christian Doctrine is a uniquely ecumenical work, Newman having started it as an Anglican and completed it as a Roman Catholic.

It is an extraordinary man indeed who is still writing the agenda a century after his death. Newman certainly wrote the agenda of the Second Vatican Council from the grave, changing the whole direction in which the Roman Catholic Church was moving with consequences which will last for centuries yet. Cardinal Manning, his slight friend and strong foe, regarded Newman's "old Anglican, patristic, literary, Oxford tone" as inimical to the triumphal intolerance of the dominant mood of Catholicism of the late nineteenth century, and events 100 years later showed how accurate his misgivings were. Vatican II, more than one Pope has since remarked, was "Newman's Council."

Before the Council his writings were the inspiration for a whole generation of Catholic theologians struggling to uncoil themselves from the strangulations of scholasticism, and because he had been made a cardinal as a personal tribute by

There is probably only one Victorian Pope Leo XIII, Newman was an unimpeachable foundation for them to build on. Through him, some distinctively English thoughts and ideas, not least the primacy of conscience before authority and all else, have gained a universal Catholic circulation. Meanwhile the full impact of his Consulting the Faithful on Matters of Doctrine still lies in the future, and is not without relevance to the unresolved dispute over contraception.

He was a particularly English cardinal, and it was a particularly English way that he got his red hat - members of the aristocracy, including the then Duke of Norfolk, used their influence. The novelist A.N. Wilson has said of Newman that he was the only Victorian



intellectual of the first rank who had not been disabused of Christian faith by the theories of Charles Darwin; and Newman himself said he was happy to "go the whole hog" with Darwin's hypothesis of natural selection.

But far from this marking his surrender to scepticism, he promptly set about another of his great works, his Grammar of Assent, to vindicate religious faith before the challenge of science and agnosticism. It too is ripe for revival, for these issues still perplex. It is a philosophical masterpiece in the area of epistemology (how one knows what one knows) which is again becoming a fashionable and fertile field of philosophical inquiry.

He was above all a churchman and theologian, though in the nineteenth century circles of expertise were not so discrete as today - he was also a friend of Gladstone, a violinist, a regular butt of Punch cartoons, and a grand master of English prose. Apart from his immense theological output and a vast correspondence, he founded two religious houses and a public school, and a university (in Dublin); he wrote one of

the best autobiographies in the English language, Apologia Pro Vita Sua, two novels, a violin sonata, and various poems, of which his Dream of Gerontius has entered the standard choral repertoire; and from it comes the hymn Praise to the Holiest in the highest, still a popular favourite with Sunday congregations, as is his Lead Kindly Light.

If he was a genius of sorts, was he also a saint? Of a sort, perhaps he was. There is an official "cause" in his name before the tribunals of Rome, and no lack of goodwill towards it in the highest places. His intemperate quarrel with the London Oratorians and his cynical view of Manning might suggest he had unsaintly moral faults; or might merely suggest that they were insufferable. Some who met him late in life had a distinct impression that they were in the presence

He wrote of himself: "I have nothing of a saint about me as everyone knows ... I have no tendency to be a saint ... saints are not literary men, they do not love the classics, they do not write tales." But there is a characteristic touch of irony about that disavowal. It would certainly need the Vatican dicasteries to apply a more than usually broadminded test of sainthood, for him to qualify. It is as a result of Vatican II, and therefore partly due to Newman himself, that such an intelligent adjustment of the criteria can even be contemplated.

He could even be the first ecumenical saint, though not yet. Before his death most Anglicans had begun to forgive him his defection. There is a whole party of Anglicanism still busy, the Anglo-Catholic party, which owes its existence as much to him as to anyone; and there is no party of Anglicanism which has not felt his influence to some degree (and Newman never completely stopped being an evangelical, whatever his formal allegiance.)

Dr Runcie scems minded to deepen his effect on the Church of England even further. It has been a little slow to recognize his real greatness, perhaps because it is only recently that Anglicans have felt free to appropriate for themselves the glories of his post-Anglican career. It is significant that Anglicans who have looked into the Catholic Newman say they find a great deal that is recognizable and familiar, very Anglican in temper. In this ecumenical age the Church of England is beginning to think it can rightly feel proud of having produced such a giant rather than sorry it could not hold on to him — as proud as Oxford manifestly is.

If he deserved to be a cardinal then, for services rendered then, he surely no less deserves to be a saint now, for services rendered since; and no doubt, also, for services still to come. It would be timely. in this Newman centenary season, for there to be some sign of progress towards his canonization, in the Roman Catholic Church; and some sign of enthusiasm for the prospect, in the Church of England.

Forthcoming marriages

Wing Cdr D.J. Anton, RAF and Surg Cdr A.E.J. Hodges,

The engagement is announced between David, eldest son of Mr R.J.H. Anion, of Upton-upon-severn, Worcs, and Mrs V.B.Dobson, of Moreton-in-Marsh, Glos, and Elizabeth, elder daughter of Dr and Mrs W.G. Hodges, of Swansea,

Mr R.A. Bury and Miss S.E. Calvert

The engagement is announced between Richard Anthony, son of Lt Col Michael and Elizabeth Bury, of Broadwoodwidger, Devon, and Sara Elizabeth, daughter of Sqn Ldr Richard and Susan Calvert, of Robin Hood's Bay, North Yorkshire,

Mr N.A. Crean and Miss S.A.I. Mason The engagement is announced between Nicholas, younger son of the late Mr J.A.H. Crean and of Mrs J. Keeling, of Hurst House, Sedlescombe, Sussex, and Sarah, daughter of the late Dr D.R.I. Mason and of Mrs V. Mason of Cruse Isle of Wiebe. Mason, of Cowes, Isle of Wight,

Mr D.J.C. Danskin and Miss K.L. Johns The engagement is announced between David, son of Major and Mrs J.C. Danskin, of Wardour, Tisbury, Wiltshire, and Kathryn, elder daughter of Mr and Mrs B.T. Johns, of

Mr I.J. Duffy

and Miss N.M. Durnin The engagement is announced between lan, son of Mr and Mrs. James Duffy, of Highley, Bridgnorth, Shropshire, and Niamh, daughter of Mr and Mrs. Dermot Durnin, of Reading, Berkshire. Mr N.J.H. Fielden

and Miss N.M. Slinger

The engagement is announced between Nicholas, son of Mr and Mrs J.A.H. Fielden, of Rostherne, Cheshire, and Nicola, elder daughter of Mr and Mrs E. Slinger, of Samlesbury, Lancashure.

Mr J. Goldsmith and Miss J.F. Harris

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The engagement is announced
between John (Nicholas), son of
Cdr and Mrs J. Goldsmith, of Car and wirs 1. Colossmus, or Hambledon. Hampshire, and Jane, daughter of Mr and Mrs I. Harris, of Ashprington, Devon.

Mr R.J. Hainsworth
and Miss C.L.M. Tyler
The engagement is announced
between Richard, younger son
of Mr and Mrs David
Hainsworth, of Melbourne,
Australia, and Catherine, eldest
daughter of Major General and
Mrs Christopher Tyler, of
Fulham, London.

Service dinners

Royal Naval Hospital, Haslar A dinner was given by the Nursing Officers of the Queen Alexandra's Royal Naval Nursing Service last night at the Royal Naval Hospital, Hastar, rotismouth. to mark the retirement of Miss E. M. Northway as. Matron-in-Chief. Miss J. Titley, Principal Nursing Officer, presided. Portsmouth, to mark the retire-

Mr C.M. Hobbs and Miss A.J.M. Pincott The engagement is announced between Christopher, younger son of Mr and Mrs Ronald Hobbs, of Mansfield, Not-tinghamshire, and Toni, only daughter of Major and Mrs Edward Pincott, of Faversbam,

Mr M.W. Kenyon

and Miss S.B. Berry The engagement is announced between Martin, son of Mrs B. Kenyon and the late Mr L. Kenyon, of Bournemouth, and Susan, daughter of Commander and Mrs R.B. Berry, of Chichester.

and Miss A.B. Howell The engagement is announced between Elagendra, younger son of Mr and Mrs M. Nadarajah, of Sciangor, Malaysia, and Alison Bronwen, elder daughter of

Captain and Mrs L.E. Howell, of Hightae, Dumfriesshire. Mr J.E. Palmer and Miss N.J.L. White The engagement is announced between James, elder son of Mr and Mrs M.J.F. Palmer, of Holland Park, London, and Nicola, daughter of Mr and Mrs P.T.L. White, of Pond Head, Oulston, North Yorkshire.

Mr M.S. Porter Mr M.S. Porter and Miss S.C. Morgan The engagement is announced between Mark, second son of Mr and Mrs Roy Porter, of Chamwells Avenue, Gloucester, and Sian, eldest daughter of Mr and Mrs Vivian Morgan, of Old Bath Road, Cheltenham,

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Captain M.G.McN. Shelford and Miss S.E. Chapman
The engagement is announced between Captain Mark Shelford, 5th Royal Inniskilling Dragoon Guards, youngest son of the late Reverend Gordon Shelford and of Mrs G.H.McN. Shelford, of Cricklade, Wiltshire, and Sally, younger daughter of Brigadier and Mrs John Chapman, of

Stuckles Farm, Sussex. Mr W.M.A. Stewart and Miss C.R. Britton The engagement is announced between William, son of Mr and Mrs P.F. Stewart, of Lydlinch. Dorset, and Carole, daughter of Mr and Mrs S.C. Britton, of Withleigh, Devon,

Mr S.G. Sindd and Miss P.S.C. Tayler The engagement is announced between Simon George, son of Mr Samuel Study, of Platte Saline, Alderney, Channel Mr Samuel Stude, of Platte Saline, Alderney, Channel Islands, and Mrs William King, of Orchard House, Cobbam, Kent, and Philippa Sarah Ca-

milla, daughter of Mr and Mrs Michael Tayler, of The Old Parsonage, Aust, or Bristol. Honourable Artillery Company

Mess Club
The Lord Mayor, accompanied by the Sheriffs, was a speaker at a dinner given by the Honourable Artillery Company Mess Club last night at Armoury House. Colonel and Aidenman Sir Greville Spratt, president, was in the chair and Battery Sergeant-Major G.S. Passnore, Colonel R.A. Burford and the Dean of St Pan's sice scoke.

Dean of St Paul's also spoke.

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LEGAL NOTICES

IN THE HIGH COURT OF JUSTICE CHANCERY DIVISION NO. 00303 OF 1990 IN THE MATTER OF RUTLAND TRUST PLC

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APLIN - On January 28th, to Jeanna (nee Wood) and Peter, a daughter. Sophie Victoria. GARTIS - See Dawson.

CARTER - On February 1st
1990. to Louise thee Ewart)
and Nicholas, a son.
COSTER - On January 51st
1990. at Hereford County
Hospital. to Frances (nee
Agarw) and Tony, a son.
DAWSON - On January 25rd
1990. to Christina (nee Betts)
and Peter. a son. Miles
Edward Peter.

FYFFE - On February 1st 1990 in Melbourne. Australia. to Caroline (née Bellers) and Richard. a daughter (Lucy Victoria), a sister for Charlie. Victoria), a sister for Charile, 190825 — On January 27th 1990. to Sarah thee Maylandi and Michael, a datighter, Lauren Ellinor, ICEN — On January 30th 1990. at Queen Chariotte's Hospital. to Caroline and Rigel, a son, Thomas Christopher, a brother for Dobblace. McCREADY • On January 24th 1990, to Alison and John, a daughter, Emma Elisabeth.

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STAFFORD - On January 3rd
1990, to Sue and Andy, a
daughter, Nicola Amy, a
sister for Gemma Rachet.

VAN DER MYE - On January
7th 1990, et The Portland
Hospital, London, to Lynette
tote McPhee' and Stephen,
twin daughters, Katherine
Louise and Lisa Anne.
WESTON - On January 31st
1990, in Jersey, to Sarah
and Michael, a son, Oliver
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GOLDEN ANNIVERSARIES MELLOR-CONSTANT On February 3rd 1940 at St Mary's. Alverstoke, by the Rev. Wilfrid Paget Mellor. Version Godfrey to Betty.

DEATHS

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(10993) 842421.

STEWART - On February 1st.
peacefully at Tickford
Abbey, Newport Pagnell, in
her 101st year. Constance
Siewart MA. last surviving
child of Wittlam and Mariory
Siewart of Weston
Underwood, much loved
aunt of John, Jean and
David, and great aunt and
great great aunt to their
families. Loved and
respected Principal of
Lincoin Diocesan Training
College 1924-1949.
Cremation private, no
flowers. There will be a
Thanksgiving Service at St
Laurence Church, Weston
Underwood, at 12 noon on
Thursday February 22nd.

SUMMERFELD - On January

SUMMERFIELD - On January 30th, at Brompton Hospital.

BURNINGHAM - On February 1st. at home in Harrogate. Trudy, dearly loved wife of Arthur Burningham. Service at the Harrogate Crematorium. Wednesday February 7th at 12.30 pm. No flowers please, donations in her memory to The Yorkshire Home for the Disabled. Harrogate. or Harrogate Branch Arthrills and Rheumatism Council. 16 Studies Road. Harrogate. 62.435 - On February 1st 1990. Jane, wife of Dasid and mother of Mark. George and Peter Tabor. Funeral at All Saints. Wing. on Thursday February 8th at 11.30 am. Family and near friends. Family flowers only and no letters blease. Donalians. If desired, to Florence Nightingale Hospice. Stoke Mandeville. Aylesbury.

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Peter Geoffrey F.C.A.. aged
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Col. Geoffrey Wheeler C.LE.,
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Wheeler, Funeral private at
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GRANT - On February 1st 1990. at Edinburgh. Mary Isabella. aged 87 years. Barrister-at-Law Gray's Inn. Formerly of Javea. Spain and previously practicing at Ibadan. Nigeria.

SCHINSON - On January 27th HAWKINS - Peter Shayle:
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MFCM, aged 48 years.

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Any person all states of the States of the above decessed should intimate his or her claim to the subscribers with a copy of his or her birth certificate, within one month from this date.

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Sir Edward Clarke (1841-1931), sometime Solicitor-General and a politican never afraid to say what he thought, addressed a dinner of the Birmingham Law Students' Society in January, 1888. His views - still the subject of debate today - drew a number of letters, some of which were published in The Times.

THE LEGAL PROFESSION

TO THE EDITOR OF THE TIMES Sir, - The speech of the Solicitor-General at Birmingham, to which it was my good fortune to listen, will have been welcomed by many, who, like myself, have desired a thorough change in the existing relations between barristers and solicitors. It is the more important, coming, as it does, from a foremost leader of that section of the profession — the Senior Bar — which has most persistently set its face against It may be hoped that the opinions

thus delivered by the Solicitor-General, with no uncertain sound, and which from the high position of the speaker will have been read by the profession and the public with more than ordinary interest, may stimulate those who are most interested in the subject to bring practical legislation to bear upon it. The Inns of Court can boast of a great historic past; and although up to a very recent period they had fallen from their former high position, as the great seminaries of legal learning, and be-come simply the avenues through which, by a course of dinners, students were wont to eat their way to the Bar, they have within the last dozen years, stirred to emulation by the example of examinations which, at all events,

indicate some sense of the responsibility incident to the admission of students to practise at the Bar. The Incorporated Law Society has in the course of 60 years of constantly increasing development and by the exercise of a wise and energetic policy raised immeasureably the educational and professional, and as a necessary accompaniment the social status of solicitors, and it now from its Birmingham.

ON THIS DAY extended organisation, and the

representation on its council of the ading provincial law societies of the kingdom, fithy claims to speak and act in the name of the entire solicitor branch of the profession. It is by the agency of such an improved educational system that the proposed fusion of the profession can most fitly be accomplished. Let an educational Board be constituted

> ing for admission to the Ber and for admission to practise as solicitors. Some young men will resolve at the outset to confine themselves to advocacy and will only pass the Bar examination; others again, especially what are called the ten years' clerks, will be content to qualify for practice as solicitors only. The greater portion, however, will, it is presumed, qualify for either branch and thus be able to follow Court or Chamber

by the joint action of the Inns of Court and the Incorporated Law

Society, with examinations qualify-

practice at will. As to existing practitioners, bar-risters and solicitors respectively should be at liberty to qualify for practice in that branch to which they do not belong, by undergoing the necessary examinations, and a considerable number of the younger and more energetic practitioners

would, no doubt, thus qualify.
Some concession should, in the meantime, be made in the interests of the public and of either branch of the profession; as for instance, solicitors should be allowed to plead in Court if counsel should be absent when the case is called on. They should be allowed to plead at Quarter Sessions as they formerly did, to plead in appeal cases from the County Courts, as they are allowed to do in bankruptcy, and they should be eligible for some of the higher prizes in the profession.

On the other hand, barristers should be at liberty without breach of professional etiquette to see clients without the intervention of a solicitor. Yours faithfully,

C.T. SAUNDERS

Fifth Sunday

Vice-Provers: 3 Confirmation. Missa O quam storiosum Cricoria. Usi certias Ourofie). Rt storiosum Cricoria. Usi certias Ourofie). Rt storiosum Cricoria. Cathedral. 7. 8. 9. 10.30 SM. Missa Vidi speciosum (Victoria). Os insti Grunicori). O sucum convivium (Messiam). Pretude & Fuguse in D major (Schmidt). 12.5.50. 9. 7. SM. 2.30 Oryan Rectais: 3.30 V & 8. 1. Magmificat primi tomi (Lassia). Ad to icvavi (Aperio). Le Dieu cache (Messiam). ST GEORGE'S CATHEDRAL. Southwark: 8, 10, 12.30. 6 LM; 11.30 HM. Missa Pontificalis (Period). Ave verum (Byrd). Canon J P Finnett. CATHEDRAL. OF THE DIVINE WISDOM. Grask Orthodox, Moscow Rd, W2: 9.30 M: 11 Divine Liturgy. CATHEDRAL OF THE DOPMITTION OF THE MOTHER OF GOD. Russiam Orthodox, Erichmore Gdos, SW7: 10.30 Divine Liturgy. CATHEDRAL OF ST SAVVA. Serbian Orthodox, Lancaster Rd, W1: 10.30 Divine Liturgy.

THE CHAPEL ROYAL St. James's Palace: 8.30 HC: 11.15 S Euch. Collegium Regale (Howells). Ven S K Pound. QUEEN'S CHAPEL OF THE SAVOY. WC2: 11.15 S Euch. Stanfort in G. Rev J Robson. ROYAL NAVAL COLLEGE CHAPEL Greenwich, SE10: 8.30 HC: 11 S Euch. O hearten thou (Harris), O Lord increase my faith. The Chaplain. wigh, Selly 4.30 He; if S 201. O interferent mon (Harris), O Lord increase my faith. The Chaplain.

GUARDS CHAPEL, Wellington Barracks, SW1:

11 HC; The Lord is in his holy temple (Thalber-Bail), Sumdon in F. Be still (Whitlock), The Weish Guards, The Chaplain.

GRAY'S NN CHAPEL: 8.30 HC; 11.15 Divine Service. Canon E Jagnes.

LINCOLN'S NN CHAPEL: 8.30 HC; 11.15 Divine Service. Canon E Jagnes.

LINCOLN'S NN CHAPEL: 11.30. Let all the world in every corner sing. The Warburton Lechire. Rev J Polinigherne.

TOWER OF LONDON, ECS: 9.16 HC; 11 M. When David beand that Abasion was stem (Topakhut). The Chaplain.

TEMPLE CHURCH, Pieci Street, EC4: 8.30 HC; 11.15 MP. When to the temple Mary went (EC; 270), Responses (Smith), Smart in F, Praise our Lord (Ryrd). The Master.

ST CLEMENT DANES (RAF Charrch) WC2: 9.

12.16 HC; 11 M. Thou must leave thy Holy dwelling Gerfson, Van A J Bainforth.

CHAPEL ROYAL. Hampton Court Palace: 8.30 HC; 11 Euch, Irehad in C. Miserwer me (Byrd). The Chaptain: 3.30 E. The eyes of all Charrish. Howells in G. Bring us O Lord God (Harrish).

ALL HALLOWS BY THE TOWER: 11 S Euch.

Rev R DYDD.

ALL SAINTS, Margaret Street, W1: 8, 5,15 LM: 51 February Street, W1: 8, 5,15 LM: 52 February Street, W1: 15 M. Missa Brevis (Berkeley). Lord when the global street of Thy swing Graveleys Saider (The Colored Street). Lord when the same of Thy swing Graveleys Saider (The Colored Street). Lord when the same of Thy swing Graveleys Saider (The Colored Street). Lord when the same of Thy swing Graveleys Saider (The Colored Street). Lord when the same of Thy swing Graveleys Saider (The Colored Street). Lord when the same of Thy swing Graveleys Saider (The Colored Street). Lord when the same of Thy swing Graveleys Saider (The Colored Street). Lord when the same of Thy swing Graveleys. Saider (The Colored Street). Lord when the same of Thy swing Graveleys. Saider (The Colored Street). Lord when the same of Thy swing Graveleys. Saider (The Colored Street). Lord when the same of Thy swing Graveleys. Saider (The Colored Street). Lord when the same of Thy swing Graveleys. Saider (The Colored Street). Lord when the same of Thy swing Graveleys. Saider (The Colored Street). Lord when the same of Thy swing Graveleys. Saider (The Colored Street). Lord when the same of Thy swing Graveleys. Saider (The Colored Street). Lord when the same of Thy swing Graveleys. Saider (The Colored Street). Lord when the same of Thy swing Graveleys. Saider (The Colored Street). Lord when the same of Thy swing Graveleys. Saider (The Colored Street). Lord when the same of Thy swing Graveleys. Saider (The Colored Street). Lord when the same of Thy swing Graveleys. Saider (The Colored Street). Lord when the same of Thy swing Graveleys. Saider (The Colored Street). Lord when the same of Thy swing Graveleys. Lord when the same of Thy swing Graveleys. Lord when the same of Thy swing Graveleys. Lord when the same of Thy swing Grav

Fifth Sunday

after Epiphany

Canterbury Cathedral: 8 HC: 9.30 M. Canon F S Teifer: 11 S Euch. Cambridge March Deads (Moore). Senex puerum portabat (Byrd). The Dean: 3.15 E Responses (Piccelo). Crichester Service (Walton). Rejoice in the Lamb (Britten).
6.30 ES for Candlernas.
7 York Minsteers: 8. 8.45 HC: 10 S Euch. O Section (Canon F S Teifer: 11 S Euch. Cambridge March Dean: 3.15 E Responses (Piccelo). Crichester Service (Walton). Rejoice in the Lamb (Britten).
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ST JOHN THE DIVINE. Vascal Rd., SWS: 8. LM: 10 HM, FT Caddick: 630 E. Walmisley in D minor. Hear my prayer (Mendessohn). Fr Thom.

ST LUKE'S, Chaisea, SWE: 8. 12.15 HC: 10.30 E. Euch. Vaughan Williams in G. The Presentation (Eccard), Rev S Watson: 6.30 E. In pace (Billmeman). Rev D Watson: 6.30 E. In pace (Billmeman). Rev D Watson: 6.30 E. In pace (Billmeman). Rev D Watson: 6.50 E. In pace (Billmeman). Rev D Watson: 6.50 E. In pace (Billmeman). Rev D Watson: 5T MARK'S. Repents Park Rd. NWI: 8 HC: 10 Family Communition: 11 S. Euch. Minsa Brevis (Select). Cantique de Jean Racine (Fruny). Rev T Devousibre Johns.

ST MARGARET'S, Westminster, SWI: 11 S. Euch. Minsa Brevis (Waison). When to the temple Mary went (Eccard). Senez puerum portabal (Villoria). The Rector.

ST MARTIN-19-1-HE-FIELDS. Senez puerum portabal (Villoria). The Rector.

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ST MARY'S. BOURD STREET, SWI: 9. 9.48 LM: 11 HM. Minsa Brevis (HU). Fr J Gankell 6.15 E. ST MARY'S. BOURD STREET, J GANK J GANK J J

Church services tomorrow SW3: 8 HC: 10 Children's Service: 11 Parish
Communion, Rev J H L Cross: 6 E, Preb C E L
11 SM, Missa ich stund im etham morosn
(1 Sml), Senez puerum protabet (Epvel) 6 LM &

ST COLLINEA'S CHURCH OF SCOTLAND. Fort Street. SW1: 11 Rev J H McIndoe: 6.30 Rev W. Colline. CHURCH OF SCOTLAND. CHURCH OF SCOTLAND. COVER. Garden. WC2: 11.15 Rev K 6 Hugher. 12.15 HC: 6.30 Rev J Doveswell. THE ASSUMPTION. Warwick Street. W1: 8. 10. 12. 4. 6 LM: 11 SM. Mass for five voices (Byrd). Ne Irrecards Domine (Byrd). Trists est anima (Lassia). CHURCH OF OUR LADV. Lisson Grove. St. John's Wood: 10.45. Misse L'homme arme (Williams). Felix es Sacra Virgo (Byrd). FARM STREET. W1: 7.30. 8.30. 10, 12.15. 4.15. 6.15 LM: 11 HM. Missa Sarci Nicolai (Hayde). Lasteniur coell (Hassier). Ave verus corpus (Faure). Gényden. Lacteniur coell (Hassier). Ave verum corpus (Feure).
THE CELATORY, Brosspicos Rosel, SWY: 7.8.9.
10. 11 Mass. Missa Brevis (Kocaky). Nisal Dominius (Cartesium). 12.30, 4.30, 7: 3.30 V e.8.
O tome Jesu (Derinett). 12.30, 4.30, 7: 3.30 V e.8.
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ST MARTY'S. Cadopan Street, SWJ: 8.30, 10, 11
Missa Sine Nombie (Palestrina). Presentation of Cartest (Eccard). Senax Pussum (Byrt). 12.18, 4.50. Christ (Courd), Senex Pastum (1970), 12.10, 6.30.

OUR LADY OF VICTORES, Kensington High Street, WR 9.30, 10, 12.30, 6.30 LM; 11.15 SM, Mass in G (Schubert), Maria walk zun Heiligdium (Schubert), Maria walk zun Heiligdium (Schubert), Maria walk zun Court fat, Wil: 11 Rev Box F Allison, CTTY TEMPLE, Holborn, ECI: 11 Rev E HELSEA METHODEST CHURCH, King's cad, SW3; 11 HC, Rev M Braddy; 6 Miss L ROBEL SW3; 11 HC. REV M Braddy; 6 Miss L YACIN.

UNDE STREET METHODEST CHURCH, W1:

11 RAV P HOART, 630 REV L CHRISTS.

CENSINGTON TEMPLE. (Charismatic, Nothing all Cate. W1: 9. 11 Wyme Lewis 2.30 Septiam, Rose Beryet; 6.30 Healing Service. Wilson Addison.

ECENT SQUARE PRESEYTERIAN URC.

TRYSINCH Place. WC1: 11 Rev Dr R Scoper; 130 Rev K Swaine.

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14LVATION ALEMY (Repent Hall), Corbré St VI: 11, 6.30; 3 Musical Programme, General Was Burrows. Dos INTOWN AND ST AGNES Gutharan).

Greathur St EC2 11 HC, Rev H M Zurn: 7 HC, Missa Brevis Gen-Coxi, Assists Det (Edison).

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WESIEV'S CHAPKI. City Road. EC2. 10

Church news

THM. Missa Brevis Gillio, Fr. J Ganteli: 6.18 E

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new hasven (Bainton). Rev V Makkit: 6.30
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ST PAUL'S. Carnhall. ECS: 11 Buch. Long.
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Cibbonal. Rev H Ruschmeyer.

ST PETER'S. Ealon Square. Sw1: 8.16 HC: 10
ST DESHEN'S. Gloucester Road. Sw7: 8. 9
LM: 31 SM. Missa Brevits Gerkeley. Lord when the sense of The sweet grace (Barkeley). Salves the St Julian, Norwich, diocese Derby:

Norwich: to resign as at 6 July 1990.

The Rev Pembroke J Montgomery.

Vicar, Derby, St James, diocese Derby:

St VETAST. Foster Lane. EC2: 11 SM. The

SSIEV'S CHAPEL City Road, EC2: 10 Smiley Service with HC, Rev Dr G E Barrill &

Marring Service with HC, Rev Dr G E Burkt et Rev P Hutte.
WESTAMSTER CENTRAL HALL (Methodist).
SWI: 11. 6.30 Rev Dr R J Tuder.
WESTAMNSTER CHAPEL. Stelkingham CataSWI: 11. 6.30 Rev Dr R Kendell.
WESTAMNSTER MCETANG SOCIETY OF FRIENDS (Qualers). 52 St Martins La WCZ 11.
Manting for worship.

One obstacle that has hampered such research in the past is determining exactly which directed to the thumb instead.

merve does what. Once the But where the connections are: nerves to a hand, for example, have been severed, it becomes nearly impossible to pinpoint which fibre, or group of fibres, control a particular muscle or ransmit the sense of touch from

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neural network to learn the

The teaching process depends on a phenomenon well known to amputees: the "phantom" seasaes that appear to come from @ Nature-The Times News Service, 1990 . .

SCIENCE REPORT Linking the brain

to artificial limbs In an advance that promises to further blur the distinctions between man and machine, researchers have successfully grown living nerve fibres into a working semiconductor chip.

The researchers report that they can now tap into nerve signals by linking a computer to a micro-chip implanted in an animal.

The technique could someday

The technique could someday ton encourages nerves in a result in artificial limbs that stump to grow through micro-respond directly to signals from the brain, Stanford University researcher Bernard Widrow told the International Joint Consignals that still travel through

the International Joint Conference on Neural Networks in Washington DC last month.

Widrow, in collaboration with Stanford colleagnes Joseph Rosen and Gregory Kovacs, is working towards a device that could eventually result in artificial limbs that can be operated by just thinking about them.

By inserting a neural network — an electronic circuit with the ability to learn — between the lexing the fingers, or grasping ability to learn — between the existing nerve ends and a mechanical device, the researchers hope to allow amputees to control their artificial parts just like the flesh-and-blood limbs they replaced.

But by allowing an artificial

the two hands - as a guide in tions each time, until both hands move together.

same way; bending the wrist, flexing the fingers, or grasping imaginary objects.

The neural network would

begin by randomly connecting thousands of nerve fibres to the electronics that control a dozen

or so mechanical joints. Ini-

tially, the signals that should go

to the index finger might be directed to the thumb instead.

wrong, the signals output by the mechanical hand would differ

from their natural counterpart.

sponds incorrectly to a certain stimulus, the neural network can

use the "error signals" - the

difference in response between

When the artificial hand re-

G. Christopher Anderson

SATURDAY'S TELEVISION AND RADIO

A quip for all seasons

(TELEVISION CHOICE)

Peter Waymark

• Even if he did nothing but face the cameras and grunt, a television interview by Marlon Brando would be an event. Brando's appearances on the small screen have become even rarer than his films. When he was finally entrapped last year by the American newscaster Connie Chung, he had not graced the box for 16 years. There must have been times when Chung wished she had never bothered. Brando (Channel 4, 10.15pm) is not so much an interview, more a contest between an ageing overweight and a nimble flyweight in which Chung's quick footwork just manages to keep her out of trouble. But even when, as happens often, he declines to answer the questions, Brando is still excellent value.



Excellent value: Marlon Brando talks to Connie Chung (Channel 4, 10.15pm)

Looking like a physical parody of Orson Welles, he has the quip for all seasons. Asked why he has not worked for nine years, he says he has spent the time watching ants going up and down his sink. Invited to say something about his new baby, he tells Ms Chung there is nothing more unsettling to the stomach than watching actors on television talking about their private lives. Chung does not always help matters. Her attempts to label him a "great" actor who made "great" films are rightly scorned. Brando affects much spurious indignation but now and again crupts into genuine anger, as when discussing his abortive attempt to make a film about the "genocide" of the American Indians. He is not best pleased, either, with the cuts to his latest film, A Dry White Season, his fee for which — \$3.3 million, plus 11 per cent of the profits - he is giving to the anti-apartheid movement. During the bleak winter of 1946-47 the sreel cameraman Peter Hopkinson was in the Byelorrussian capital of Minsk, recording scenes of a war-devastated city for the United Nations relief organization. Many buildings had been flattened, the people were starving and 80 per cent of their diet was being supplied through the UN. The most stirring of Hopkinson's footage was of the city's orphans, children trying to rebuild their lives. In Orohans of Minsk (Channel 4, 3.30pm), Hopkinson catches up with some of them, confronts them with celluloid images of their younger selves and elicits their hopes and fears as the Soviet Union embarks on a restructuring which may turn out to be

(BBC1 12.09 Commonwealth Games. Steve Rider introduces action from the last right of the Games, including highlights of the men's 1,500 final. At 6.00am there is coverage of the closing ceremony

9.00 Going Livel with Sarah Greene and Phillip Schofield. They are joined by special guests Esther Rantzen and Campion detactive Peter Davison. Plus live music from Technotroric's Ya Kid K, another charter in the continuing search chapter in the continuing search for the Talented Teacher and Philip Hodson with advice for teenagers

12.15 Grandstand introduced by Desmond Lynam. The line-up is (subject to alteration): 12.20, 1.10, 1.40 and 4.10

Commonwealth Games: highlights of the men's 1,500m, the men's 4x400m relay, the sprint relays, three field events, road race cycling and judo; 12.55 News; 1,00 and 1,25 Skiling: the men's downill from Chamonic; 4 EE Brailer Lieute files for common of use ment a cowner from Chamonix; 1.55 Rugby Union: live coverage of the game in Paris between France and England. The commentators are Nigel Starmer-Smith and Bia Reaumont and live second be⁴ Beaumont; and live second half action from Dublin in the game between Ireland and Scotland described by Bill McLaren; 4.40 Football results

5.05 News with Moira Stuart. Weather 5.15 Regional News and Sport.
5.20 The Flying Doctors: Give a Dog a
Bad Name. An elderly couple
travelling around the Outback are found murdered and suspicion falls on three young men from a visiting carnival. Starring Robert Grubb. (Ceefax)

6.05 Jim T Fix it. Jimmy Savile makes dreams come true for some more youngsters including Caroline Williams, who gets to dance with Ben of Curiosity Kried the Cat, and Keith Attwood, who, after being told so often that he was worth his weight in gold, decides to find out actly how much that comes to.

6.40 Little and Large. The two crusaders return in a new series of comedy and carry-on capers, joined by special guests Hilary O'Neil, Russell Grant and Martika.

(Ceefax)
7.15 The Paul Daniels Magic Show.
Paul Daniels dabbles in some risky
card shakes and is joined by American skate boarding duo Diane and Primo and Canadian tightrope walkers Agathe and Antoine. (Ceefax) 8.00 Waterfront Beat. Local journalist

Gerry Darcey refuses to reveal his source when the squad suspects that someone is tipping him off about their investigations; and Jackbridge and Morgan are called to a disciplinary hearing over the Hagland Case. Starring Brian McCardie and Dean Williamson

(Ceefax) 8.50 News and Sport. With Michael

Buerk. Weather

9.10 Midnight Caller: Someone to
Love. Radio chat-show host Jack
Killian returns to his ex-girifriend
as she approaches the final stages of
her fight against Aids, and helps
her use the station to publicize the tack of state care and medicine for Aids sufferers. But will the emotional stress prove too much for Jack? (Ceefax) 10-00 Dave Allen. Dave Allen with another collection of pithy

observations about the human

Commonwealth Games. Stave Rider introduces highlights of 10 19.30 C days of competition from

11.30 European Figure-Skating Championships from Leningrad. Alan Weeks introduces action two young British couples from Slough, Lynn Burton and Andrew Place and Ann Hall and Jason ld, competing at this level for

the first time Film: The Hot One (1978) starring Mark Hamill and Annie Potts. 12.00 Fil Comedy drama about a high school student who has his most treasured possession, a Corvette sports car, stolen. His investigation eventually lead him to Los Angeles and the disovery of an underground hot car network. Directed by Matthew Robbins

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and Tommy Boyd Motormouth 2. Among the guests

are Lisa Stansfield and Lonnie Gordon. Also on today's show is an item on fashion for pets
11.30 The ITV Chart Show. The Vintage
Video this week features from Sting
12.30 The Munsters Today. Herman

undergoes training to become a civilian astronaut.

1.00 News with Fiona Armstrong.
Weather 1.05 LWT News and

1.10 Saint and Greavale, Jimmy Greaves and Ian St John preview today's big matches and look forward to tomorrow's televised game between Spurs and Norwich

1.40 Sportsmasters. Three new contestants demonstrate their sporting knowledge in the quiz hosted by Dickle Davies.

2.10 Coronation Street. A repeat of Wednesday's and Friday's episodes

3.05 European Figure Skating Championships. Nick Owen presents coverage of the final day's events. Commentary comes from Sirnon Reed, Betty Callaway and Nicky Stater 4.45 Results Service with Elton Welsby

5.00 News and weather 5.05 LWT News and weather

5.15 Baywatch: Message in a Bottle.
Hobie is upset when he overhears his
estranged parents arguing about
who should have custody of him, and he runs away to a desert island Unfortunately, what should be paradise turns out to be a place full of danger. Starring David Hasselhoff and Brandon Call

6.10 Catchphrase. Guessing game show hosted by Roy Walker (Oracle)
6.40 Haggard: Eye of Newt. The dissolute Squire Haggard, still searching for a wealtry wife to restore his flagging fortunes, purchases a bottle of Granny Acom's love potion, guaranteed work – provided it is quaffed by the right person. Starring Keith Barron and Reece Dinsdale.

7.10 Blind Date. Cilia Black plays Cupid once again, hoping to match this evening's contestants with this evening's contestants with the man or woman of their dreams.

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Idunder, She Wrote: Mourning
Among the Wisteria. Jessica
receives a marriage proposal
from an ailing playwright who is later
found with a gun over the dead
body of the lawyer who has been
robbing him for years. Starring
Angela Lansbury and Barry Nelson
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Street turns into a major incident when a hospital comes under siege from a gunman on drugs who takes a policeman hostage. Staming Mark McGann, Ray Lonnen and Tzi Ma 10.00 News with Fiona Armstrong.

Weather 10.15 LWT Weather
10.20 Aspel and Company. Michael
Aspel's guests this everling are Mad
Max and Lethal Weapon star Mel
Gibson, actress Jacqueline Bisset and veteran musician superstar 11.05 Tour of Duty: Soldiers. Drama series about a group of raw US Army

recruits serving in Vietnam

12.00 Saturday Night at the Movies.

Tony Stattery returns for a new series of film reviews and news. In tonight's programme, Sylveste Stallone talks about his tough e which he has tried to screen image which he has then to change in his two latest films Lock Up and Tango and Cash. There are reviews of Black Rain starring Michael Douglas, and Sam Shepard's Far North starring Jessica Lange and a discussion about the biopic of Chat Baker Let's Cast Lost

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12.30am Soep. The continuing sags of the Tates and the Campbells (r). Followed by News headlines

1.00 Golden Globe Awards. The film awards that are sometimes rated as second only to the Oscars. They often provide a clue to who will win Hollywood's most important awards later in the vea

3.00 American College Footbell, Alabama v Vanderbit. 5.00 ITN Morning News with Richard Bath. Ends at 6.00

Carrier BBC 2 7.30 Saturday Starts Herel with Playdays (r) 7.55 Mersey Tales. Mark Chatterton with David Self's Punishment Book 8.00 New

Adventures of Mighty Mouse 8.15 ChuckleVision 6.30

8.55 Open University including, at 11.50, Small Business in which entrepreneurs explain how they built-up multi-million pound
businesses. Among those taking
part is Sophie Mirman of Sock Shop

2.45 Shritent. Episode five of the
drama serial in Hindi with English
subtitles (f)

3.25 Film: Robin Hood Jumior (1975) brung noillim du-time

starring Mandy Tulloch and Keith Chegwin. Robin, Lady Marion and the merry band of men find themselves outlaws when the sinister Baron de Malherbe takes

sinister Baron de Mainerbe takes over Locksay Castle while his brother is away on the Crusades. Directed by Matt McCarthy and John Black. (Ceefax)

4.25 Film: Ice Cold in Alex (1958, b/w) starring John Mills, Sylvia Sims and Anthony Quayle. Second World War adventure in which the commander of a motor ambulance in the North African desert tries in gat his vehicle and amourance in the votor Amcain desert tries to get his vehicle and passengers to safety despite the dangers of minefields and a German spy in their midst. Directed by J. Lee Thompson

6.30 NewsYlew and weather
7.15 A Wake for Sext: Happy Days.
The 1979 Royal Court Theatre production directed by Samuel Beckett himself. Billie Whitelaw as the housewife who copes with the daily routine of life despite being half buried in a mound of earth. Her husband, played by Leonard Fenton, looks on (r) Saturday Night Clive. A look into

8.50 Saturday Night Cirve. A look into the ever-expanding world of media deregulation.
9.25 Malking Out. Episode five and Lyne Electronics employs the skills of a human resources manager, Tamsin Carlyle, to maximize profits (r). (Ceefax)

(f). (Ceetax)

10.25 Film: Greystoke: The Legend of
Tarzan, Lord of the Apes (1984)
starring Christopher Lambert,
Raiph Richardson and James Fox.
When a baby is abandoned in the African jungle an ape comes to his rescue and a legend is born.
Directed by Hugh Hudson (Ceefax).
Ends at 12.40am

BBC1 WALES 5.15pm-8.05 Wales on Saturday SCOTLAND: 1.66pm Rugby Union: France v England live first half 2.40 Live coverage of ireland v Scotland followed by highlights of France v England 4.40-6.95 Alternoon Sportscene 5.15-6.20 Scotlish News and Sport 9.10-10.00 Sportscene NORTHERN MELAND: 1.55pm Rugby Union: France v England live first helf 2.40 Live coverage of Ireland v Scotland followed by highlights of France v England 8.15-6.26 Northern Ireland News and Sport

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2.30 Film: Murder By Proxy' (Dane Clark, Befinds Lee)
4.00-8.00 Forum Presents (Peaches and Herb)
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CHANNEL 4

6.00 Durrell in Russia (r) 6.30 Just 4
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7.30 international Times - World
News 8.00 Transworld Sport 9.03
Channel 4 Racing: The Morning
Line 9.25 Sing and Swing with the
stars of the 1930s and 1940s
9.30 Listening Eve (r)

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9.30 Listening Eye (r)

10.00 To the End of the Rhine with
Bernard Levin (r)

10.30 Film: The Bride Came COD (1947,
b/w) starring Bette Davis and Jame
Cagney. A down-on-his-luck pilot
agrees to kidnep a temperamental
heiress. Directed by William
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12.15 Dance with Me. Brazilian drama 12.45 Chennel 4 Racing from Sendown Perk. The 12.55, 1.30, 2.05, 2.35 and

3.05 races
3.30 Soviet Spring: Orphens of Minek
(see Choice)
4.30 Files: The Six-Sided Triangle
(1963, b/w) starring Sarah Miles, Bill
Mellen and Nicol Williamson.

Mellen and Nicol Williamson.
Comedy dealing with the eternal
triangle as it might be viewed in
six different countries. Directed by
Christopher Miles
5.05 Brookside (r). (Oracle)
6.00 Right to Reply. A discussion on
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the Channel 4 News item on the
Ambulance dispute
6.30 Scottish Eye examines the
problems of an eight-year-old
Edinburgh haemophiliac sufferer
7.00 The World This Week
7.15 Europe Express includes a report
on a smuggling ring importing
Turkish workers into Western
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Europe Followed by Weather.

2.00 Adventures: Into the Great
Solitude. Robert Perkins carnoes for 72 days down Canada's 700-mile-long Black River. (Oracle) 9.00 4 Play: A Fair and Easy Passage, by Jenny Diski. An elderly woman faces her death. (Oracle)

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10.15 Brando (see Choice)
11.00 The Oprah Winfrey Show.
Celebrities meet tabloid journalists
11.50 Film: Village of the Dammed
(1960, b/w) starring George Sanders
and Barbara Shelley. A group of
evil children bring tarror to a small
English village. Directed by Wolf
Riffa

1.15am Film: Children of the Damned (1963, b/w) starring lan Hendry and Alan Badel. Two scientists work out a way to deal with supernatural children and their potentially lethal powers. Directed by Anton M. Leader. Ends at 2.55

nething Borrowad, Something Blue 11.35 Films

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Avenue 10.39 Art of the Western World 11.00 World of Herbs 11.30 That's Entertaining 12.00 Street Hockey 12.30 pas Pete Smith Specialties* 12.46 Racing 1.50 Rygb) 3.35 Film: Don't Get Me Wrong* (Max Maler, George E. Stone) 8.06 Brookside 6.00 Right to Reply 0.20 Wonder Years 7.50 Gophers 7.30 News 7.40 Mington 8.15 Y Maes Chwarae 8.05 Cytansoddwyr 9.40 4 Pay 11.00 Open 11.50 Film: Village of the Damned* (George Senders, Barbara Shelley) 1.15ecn Film: Children of the Damned* (Ian Hendry, Alan Badal) 2.55 Chos

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Andromeda Strain (Arthur HB, David Wayne) 2.1 Hit Man and Her 4.00 Twilight Zone 4.30-5.00 America's Top Ten

SATELLITE

SKY ONE

6.00mm Barrier Reef 6.30 The Flying Kiwi 7.00 Fun Factory 11.00 The Bionic Worman 12.00 Frank Bough's World 1.00pm The Invisible Man 2.00 All-American Wrestling 3.00 Man From Atlantis 4.00 Chopper Squad 5.00 Dolly 6.00 Belle Start 6.00 Film: Tarantulas — The Deadly Cargo 10.00 WWF Superstars of Wrestling '89 11.00 Sky World News Tonight 11.30 The Legendary Ladies

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News on the hour.

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SKY MOVIES

From 8.00cm The Shopping Channel 2.00pm Table for Five (1983): A 2.009221 labe for Five (1905): to the custody of his three children when their mother dies in a car crash 4.00 The Good, The Bed and The Huckleberry Hound: Animated tale Huckleberry Hound: Animated tale 6.00 The Dirt Bike Kid (1986): Pete Billingsley takes on a gang of marauding bikers

bikers
7.40 Entertainment Tonight
8.60 Police Academy 5: Assignment
Wilami Beach (1988): The boys in blue
become involved with a gang of jewel

uneves
9.40 UK Top 10: Top films in Britain
10.00 Action Jackson (1988): A
disgraced policeman (Carl Weathers) tracks
down the criminal responsible for his

11.45 Love and Passion: Psycho-sexual drama. With Nicola Warren and Andy J. Forest 1.30am No Safe Haven (1986): A murdered football hero's brother sets out to

avenge his death. With Wings Hauser 4.00 Mischief (1985): A Fifties teenager pursues his dream girl. With Doug McKeon and Catherine Mary Stewart. Ends at

EUROSPORT

6.00cm Barrier Reef 7.00 The Flying Kiwi 9.00 Ford Ski Report 10.00 Winter Sports: World Cup Skiling — Women's-Downhill; Two-man Bobsleigh World Championships 12.00 European Figure Skating Championships 3.00cm Trans Championships 12.00 European Figure Skating Championships 3.00pm Trans World Sport 4.00 Two-man Bobsleigh World Championships 5.00 World Cup Skiing — Women's Downhiff 6.00 Surfer Magazine 6.30 Mobil Motor Sport News 7.00 Football 9.00 Saturday Night Fight 11.00 Commonwealth Games

MTV

6.30am Non-Stop Pure Pop, incl Remote Control 9.30 US Top 20 11.00 Yol 11.30 Week in Rock 12.00 Ray Cokes, incl Club MTV 4.30pm XPO 5.00 The Big Picture 5.30 Kristiane Backer 8.30 Party Zone 10.00 United Nations of House 10.30 Club MTV 11.00 Erotika 12.00 Maiken Wexo 2.00am Videos

SCREENSPORT

12.15am Top Rank Boxing 1.45 Argentina Football 3.30 1990 Indoor Supercross 5.00 US Basketball 6.30 sn Soccer e France 8.45 Pro Bowlers 10.00 fee
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les Speedway 4.15 Top Team Spanish
Soccer 4.00 Update; US Pro Ski Tour 6.30 Powersports International 7.30 Ice Hockey 9.30 US College Basketball 11.00 US Professional Boxing

LIFESTYLE

12.00 Space Patrol 12.30pm Car 54, Where Are You? 1,00 Smothers Brothers 1.30 Make Room for Daddy 2.00 Championship Rodeo 3.00 GLOW 4.60 The Edge of Night

4.00 Classes Apart? Six-part series comparing the lives and fortunes of three families living in Somerset. Part 5: Time Out. This week

support three different football teams; and the Moreys, who do not support football or hunting 4.30 Science Now with Peter

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Evans
5.00 My Heroes: Cliff Morgán
talks to actor Robert Hardy
about the people who have
influenced him (r)
5.25 Week Ending: Satirical
review of the week's news.
With Bill Wallis, David Tata,
Sally Grace and Royce Mills
(r) 5.50 Shipping Forecast
5.535 Weather
6.00 News; Sports Round-Up
6.25 Citizens omnibus edition (s)
7.10 Stop the Week (s)
7.45 Saturday Night Theatre: The
New Marina, by Julia
Schofield, Jean (Bytrestra
Le Touzel) is sucky to have a
place where she can get
away from it all (s)
9.00 Music in Mind: Brian-Key
with a selection of dreamy
melodies (s)
9.50 Ten to Ten led by the Rt
Rev Richard Harries 9.59
Weather

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10.15 Open Mind (new series):

namos
10.45 Smith's Elegy: in a sk-part
series, Phil Smith uncovers
some of the fascinating
stories buried in Britain's
overgrown graveyards. Part
3: The Denventwater
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11.00 Richard Baker compares

Edward Mortimer challenges three soperts to discuss a topic with open

10.00 News

Jermi Mills reports on the Taylors, who support their local hunt; the Jennings family, who between them

 Full information on satellite TV programmes is available in the weekly magazine, TV Guide.

NETWORK 2 Starts: 12.00 stores Sign of the Times 12.30 per News 12.34 Sports Stadium 5.05 Hewst's Just Offerent 6.00 Perfect Strangers 6.30 Sulf Thart 6.55 Great Moguis 7.30 Tracey Uliman 8.00 Soviets 9.00 Film: Key Largo (Humphrey Bogart, Edward G. Robinson) 10.50 Creatile Parker 11.35 Close.

- VARIATIONS

6.35em Open University (FM only) 6.55 Weather and News Headlines 7.00 Morning Concert: Jan Dismas Zelenka (Hioocondrie a sete

National Cricistra Unior
Neeme Järvi): Scriabin
(Etude in C sharp minor, Op
42 No 5: Yavgeny Kissin,
piano): Prokoflev
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minor: Scottish National
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Sanuday nevew win Richard Osborne, Record Review: Stephen Johnson on Shostakovich's Cello Sonata: and Beethoven symphony cycles by Hogwood and Norrington ora reviewed by Nicholan

Hogwood and Norrington are reviewed by Nicholes Kenyon 10.40 Record Release: Mozart (Plano Concerto No 25 in C, K 503: North German Radio Symphony Crchestra under Cord Garben, with Arturo Benedetti Michelangeli, plano); Gluck (Le Perfide Renaud me fuit "Amide. (Piano Soneta in A minor, D 784: Maria Joao Pires, piano): Beethoven (Symphony No 9 in D minor "Choral": London Reinhard, bass)

Reflections on me Henecions on meacal language by the historian Roy Porter 1.10 Coull String Quartet, with Roger Bigley, viola, performs Ireland (Quartet No 1 in D minor); Vaughan Walkams (Quartet in D); Signosm (String Quirtet) 2.30 From the Proms 1989: National Youth Orchestra of Great Britain under Mark Elder performs Sibelius (Pohjola's Daughter; The Bard; The Oceanides); Wagner (Die Walkure, Act 3: with Gwyneth Jones, soprano, Simon Estes, bass, Jane Eaglen, soorano. Phylis Carnan, soprano, Jance Carns, soprano,

Angela Bostock, soprano, Anne-Marie Owens, mezzo-soprano, Sally Burgess, mezzo-soprano, Della Johes, mezzo-soprano, Penelope Walker, contralto, Catherine Wyn-Rogers, contralto) (r), Incl. 3-05 Interval Reading 4-25 Debut: Jerusalem String Trio performs Mozart (Adagio and Fugue, K 404a); Beethovan (String Trio in G, Op 9 No 1) 5.00 Jazz Record Requests with

Peter Clayton

5.45 Critics' Forum: This week,
Robert Carver, in the chair,
with guests Mark Lawson,
John Spurling and Margaret
Walters, discuss Julius
Hay's Have at the Barbican
Pite Dave Devise 4 (See 1) hay s have at the carocal Pit; Dave Dick's A Pig's Whisper on Radio 3; the novel Vineland by Thomas Pynchon; and Brian de Palma's film Casualties of

6.35 The Snow Malden: Rimsky-The Snow Maiden: Rimsky-Korsakov's opera in a prologue and four acts after Ostrovsky's fairy-tale play. Sung in Russian. Performed by the Bulgarian Radio and Television Chorus and Symphony Orchestra under Sioyan Angelov, with Lubornir Dyakovsky, fenor, Alexandrina Mischeva, mezzo-soprano, Nikola Gyuzelov, tenor, Elena Zemenkoya, soprano, Gyuzelov, tenor, Elena
Zemenkova, soprano,
Roumen Doykov, tenor,
Stefka Milanova, mezzo,
Stefka Milanova, mezzo,
Stefka Evstatieva, soprano,
Lubomir Videnov, baritone,
Peter Bakardijev, bass,
Avram Andreev, tenor,
Vessela Zorova, mezzo

10.20 Lours Lortle: The planist
plays Beethoven (Variations
in F. Op 34; Variations and
Fugue on a Theme from
Prometheus, Op 35); Liszt
(Wildin Jagd) (r)

11.05 Handet in Rome: London
Baroque under Charles

Plandet in Rome: London
Baroque under Charles
Mediam, with Emma Kirkby,
soprano, performs Corelli
(Concerto grasso in D. Op 6
No 4); Handel (Concerto
grasso in F. Op 6 No 9;
Cantata, Armida

abbandonata): Scarlatti (Sintonia No 7 in C) (r) 12.00 News 12.05em Close

RADIO 4

am Shipping Forecast 6.00 News Briefing: Weather 6.10 The Farming Week: An insight into next week's Penth pedigree beef sales: and Richard Wright reports from Belfast on the latest oevelopments in the milk industry 6.50 Prayer for the Day with James Whitbourn 6.55 Weather 7.00 Today, with John Humphrys and Peter Hobday, incl 7.00, 7.30, 8.00, 8.30 News 7.55, 8.58 Weather I News

Jenkins, associate editor of The Independent

11.30 From Our Own
Correspondent

12.00 Money Box with Louise
Botting and Vincent
Duggleby

12.25pm Sorry I Haven't A Clue
(new senes): A special
Green edition of the
humorous panel game. With
Tiff Brooke-Taylor, Writh
Rushton, Graeme Garden

1.00 News
1.10 Any Questions? Jonathan
Dumbleby in Paignton,
Devon, with panellists

3.45 Tales of a Man Called

Father. Written and read by Ronnie Knox-Mawer. Abridged and and produced in five-parts by Pat McLoughlin (r)

11.00 Richard Baker Company
Notes with composer Miras
Keal, whose first-symptony
was completed is her
eightieth year, and was one
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year's Proma (s) (r)
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little less traumatic than that of 1946. A journey that is worth making

(RADIO CHOICE)

Peter Davalle

 Entering unfamiliar terrain, without benefit of map or compass (and not even sure I wanted to be there anyway), I was surprised to find myself reluctant to stop listening to The Journeyman (Radio I, 2.00pm), an assessment of the blues guitarist Eric Clapton who, up to now, impinged himself on my consciousness only because of the dark blue music be wrote for the BBC elevision nuclear thriller Edge of Darkness. Although the sounds Clapton makes are not wholly to my taste, the insight that The Journeyman provides into both the man and his music might well encourage me to tune in to tonight's live performance by Clapton and supporting artistes from the Royal Albert Hall (Radio 1, 8.30) or - more likely - to next Saturday night's premiere (also on Radio 1) of the guitar concerto specially written for Clapton hv Michael Kamen.

It's Hurray for Captain WORD-WATCHING

Auswers from page 16 KANZU (b) A long white cotton or linen robe as worn by East African men, from the Swahili: "Dressed in a white kanzn, with a tweed coat over it, he was an attractive tle figur

afflüenza (a) Psychological distur-hance arising from excess of wealth, a jornlar portmanteau of *affluence* and influence: "Affluence can stretch back to childhood. Rich kids grow up in a

Groucho blending the wistful with the ridiculous in "Show Me a Rose", and telling the waiter to sober them up with black coffee when he is told that there are stewed prunes golden ghetto without the

(a) Charlock or the wild

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Eric Clapton: an insight into his music (Radio 1, 2.00pm)

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will understand what I'm talk-

ing about) and Hurray for

Radio 4, because Funny that

Way, Barry Cryer's salute to Groucho is being repeated

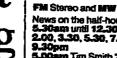
(11.30pm). So, we have yet another chance to enjoy the

priceless "sanity clause"

sketch, hear Margaret Du-

mont graciously surviving those classic insults and

radish in Scottish dialect, Brassica Sinapistrum: "This ground, if it is much danged, runs excessively to runches." MAUD (b) A grey striped plaid worn by shepherds in the south of Scotland, orig. obsc., but cf. maldy coarse grey cloth: "A grey mand completed such an equipment as, since Juvenal's days, has been the livery of the poor scholar."



9.30pm 5.00am Tim Smith 7.00 Uz success that said 7.00 Uz and Jonathan 10.00 Dave Lee Travis 1.00pm Adrian Juste 2.00 Eric Clapton: The Journeyman. Richard Skinner traces the musical roots of Eric Clapton (see Choice) 3.00 The Saturday Sequence 7.00 Andy Peebles Soul Train 8.30 The Clapton Concepts: The Bless Nic

RADIO 1

News on the half-hour from 5.30am until 12.30pm, then at 2.00, 3.30, 5.30, 7.30 and

Clapton Concerts: The Blues Night (see Choice) 10.30-2.00am The Saturday Rock Show

RADIO 2

4.00am News; Sport 4.05 Dave Bussey 6.00 Graham Knight 3.05 David Jacobs 9.05 Sounds of the Sixtles 10.00 Anne Robinson 12.00 Gerald Harper 1.30pm Pull the Other Onel 2.00 Robin Ray on Record 3.00 Katle Boyle 5.00 NoBI/Cole — Let's Katie Boyle 5.90 Noël/Cole — Let Do It! 6.00 Cinema 2 6.30 Roy's Recipes 7.00 Beat the Record 7.30 Saturday Night Gala 9.00 Those Beautiful Ballad Years 9.30 String Sound 10.05 Martin Keiner 12.05am Night Owls 1.00 Nightride 3.00-4.00 A Little Night Music

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5.00em Germen Features 5.35 News in German; Headlines in English and French 5.50 Financial News 5.55 Weather and Travel News 8.00 Newsdeck 5.30 Londres Matin 7.00 News 7.09 24 Hours; News Summary 7.00 From the Weeklies 7.45 Network UK 8.00 News 8.09 Words of Feth 8.15 A Joby Good Show 9.00 News 8.09 Review of the British Press 9.15 The World Today 9.30 Financial News: Sports Roundup 13.01 Worldsrier 10.15 Loner from America 18.30 People and Potitics 11.50 News 11.09 News about Britain 11.51 Heath Phone-In 11.30 Londres Medi 12.00 Newsrael 12.15om Multitrick 3 12.45 Sports Roundup 1.00 News 1.09 24 Hours: News Summary and Financial News 1.30 Network UK 1.45 Personal/New 2.21 The Ken Bruce Show 2.30 Sportsworld 3.00 Newsreel 3.15 Sports-

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Groucho Mar ictured in his role as Rufus T. Firefly in the film Duck Soup, is profiled by Barry Cryer (R4, 11.30pm)

SCOTTISH As London except: 12.30pm-1.00 NB 8.00-2.00 Murder, She Wrote: RADIO 3

concertanti in A: Camerata Bern); Handel (Organ Concerto in G minor, Op 4

Concerto in G minor, Op 4
No 1: English Concert under
Travor Pinnock, with Simon
Preston, organ)
7.30 News
7.35 Moming Concert (cont):
Rimsky-Korsakov (Suite,
The Snow Maiden: Scottish
National Orchestra under
Neeme, Lievit-Scriabin

Orchestra under Walter
Weller, led by Geoffrey
Trabichoff, performs
Beethoven (Overture,
Prometheus; Overture,
Corlolan; Symphony No 5)
9.30 Saturday Review with
Bichard Osborna Record

Renaud me fuit "Armide, Act 5": English Chamber Orchestra under Raymond Leppard, with Janet Baker Symphony Chorus; Academy of Ancient Music under Christopher Hogwood, with Arleen Auger, soprano. Catherine Robbin, alto. Anthony Rolle Johnson, tenor, Gregory

1.00pm News 1.05 Words: Part 5: Crazy Talk

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9.00 News
9.05 Sport on 4 with Cliff Morgan
9.30 Breakeway: Holiday and
travel news. Presented by
Bernard Falk and Nigel 9.00 News

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10.00 News: Loose Ends: Ned
Sherm, with guests
Jonathan Ross, Arthur
Smith and Emma Freud (s)
11.00 News: The Week in
Westminster with Peter
Jenkins, associate editor of
The Interceptant

Rushton, Graeme Garden, Barry Cryer, and Humphrey Lyttelton in the chair (s) News

Devon, with panellists
journalist Barbara Amiel;
John Edmonds, general
secretary of the GMB; Jane
Grant, director of the
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Women's Organizations;
and David Mellor, MP,
Home Office Minister (r)
News; Any Answers? 01550 4411. Jonathan
Dimbleby takes listeners' Dembleby takes listeners: calls on topics raised in this week's Any Questions?. (Lines open from 12.30pm) Yellow Ochre: Play by Sheila Yeger. Ruth (Sarah Badel) is in Jerusalem, and on the run, but from what? (s) it

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(BEENEVENE OFFICE) Peter Waymark

• "Art", says Thomas Hoving the former director of the Metropolitan Museum of Art in New York, "is moneysery, social-climbing fantastic." He adds that the playing of the art market by the rich is "one of the really disgusting sides of contemporary lassez-faire capitalist society." His view is endorsed by Sir Lance Coldenith who calls the Paul James Goldsmith, who calls the Paul Getty museum at Malibu the ego-trip of a dying man scavenging the past for his own giory. The quotations come from Anthony Sampson's The Midas Touch (BBC2, 8.40pm), which tonight is devoted to a lively survey of art and money from the Medicis to the Japanese businessman who paid £22½ million at Christies for Van Gogh's "Sunflowers". Along the way the programme takes in Scrooge and a psycho-analyst who contrives to connect art, money and power with a child's potty training. The ironic last word must go to the late Andy Warhol, who insisted that money making was an art form and to prove it painted pictures of dollar bills which are being sold for yet more money.



Yasno Goto: the mystery buyer of Van Gogh's "Sunflowers" (BBC2, 8.40pm)

RADIO CHOICE

· Peter Davalle

● Considering that it's about the Land of Song, Down Your Way (Radio 4, LW, 5.00pm) is alarmingly short on music. I counted 30 seconds of Adelina Patti and 45 of Max Boyce, plus a few harp plucks. Never mind, less music means more Sian Phillips, and the actress, returning to her native heath in the Amman Valley, South Wales, is delightfal com-pany to be in as she and we find out why bubbles are added to bottled Welsh water, why canaries are unemployed at a drift mine, and who the legendary rugby player is who, as a lad, whizzed through the kitchen scoring imaginary tries... Despite its early slot (7.15am), I am addicted to Radio 4's On Your Farm round the breakfast table.

RADIO 1

5.30am until 12.30pm, then at 2.30, 4.30, 7.30, 9.30pm

8.00 Tim Smith 7.00 Liz and Tim with Liz Kershaw and Tim Smith 9.30 Dave Lee Travis 12.30 per Pick of the Pops with Alan Freeman 3.00 Scruples II presented by Simon Mayo 3.30 Philip Schofield 5.00 Top 40 with Mark Goodler 7.00 Anne Nightingsie's Request Show 9.50 Andy Kershaw 11.00-2.00 am Bob Harris on Sunday

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7.10 Open University B
2.56 Playdays (r)
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10.00 Bazzar (r) 10.25 Buongiomo italia Italian for beginners (r) 10.50 Europeans. Chental Cuer talks to the first gypsy member of the European Parliament (r)
11.20 Spelling It Out (r). (Ceefax)
11.30 Step Up to Word Power. (Ceefax) 11.56 Snapl Advice on photographing animals (r). (Ceefax)
12.05 See Hearl Magazine for the deaf and hard-of-hearing
12.30 Country File. Anne Brown reports on the simmering salmonells controversy 12.55 Weather
1.00 News with Moira Stuart. Followed by On the Record. Faulty Losns? Jonathan Dimbleby talks to John MacGregor, Secretary of State for Education, about the controversial students' loan scheme 2.00 EastEnders (r). (Ceefax)
3.00 International Snooker. The first of eight days' coverage of the Benson and Hedges Masters from the Wembley Conference Centire, introduced by David Icke
5.05 The Clothes Show. Selins Scott talks to the man who masterminded

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5.05 The Clothes Show, Selina Scott

The Clothes Show. Selins Scott talks to the man who masterminded the high-street success of Next - George Davies - about his comeback and revemp launch of ASDA's clothing and footwear ranges. Jeff Banks announces this year's Clothes Show Dream Bride choice. 5.30 Antiques Roadshow from Leominster, Herefordshire. (Ceefax)
6.15 it Doesn't Have to Hunti Painless exercise (Ceefax)
6.25 News with Moira Stuart. Weather

6.46 Songs of Praise from the Playa
Mai Pas, Senidorm (Ceefax)
7.15 You Rang, M*Lord? Upstairs,
downstairs comedy series (Ceefax)
8.05 Bergera:: Roots of Evil. Jersey
detective Jim Bergerac investigates
when one of the island's richest
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when one of the island's richest men is terrorized but refuses to help the police with their investigations. Starring John Nettles, Geoffrey Palmer and Terence Alexander. (Ceefax)

9.00 Mastermind. Magnus Magnusson introduces tonight's four contestants from St Andrew's University in Scotland. Their specialist subjects are: the Stewart kingdom of Scotland, 1371-1603; the lives and works of Somerville and Ross; the apostie Paul; and the Para Handy tales and Glasgow stories of Neil Munro.

9.30 That's Life! Esther Rantzen and the rest of the team with more investigations, reports and a weekly look at the more humorous side of life.

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10.15 News with Michael Buerk.
Weather

10.30 Everyment A Land of Our Own.
New Zealand celebrates its 150th
anniversary this week, but the
Maori chiefs who signed the Treaty
of Waltangi with Britain feel they
have been cheated of their homeian
and betraugh by the felling of the nave been created of their riomeand and betrayed by the failure of the treaty to guarantee them their rights on a muti-racial island. This film examines two family stories: the case of Charles Royal, a Maori whose ancestors came to the island before the blames Company and John afficesors came to the search below the Norman Conquest, and John McDoneld, the descendant of a Weish terrent farmer who came to New Zealand in the 19th century with the promise of cheap farming

11,20 International Snooker. Further 11.20 International Snooker. Further coverage of the first day of the Benson and Hedges Masters tournament from the Wembley Conference Centre.

12.40ams Shrikant. Continuing the Indian drama. Episode five and Rajtakshmi is thrown out, along with her mother and sister. (In Hindiwith English exhibites) (1) with Engli 1.25 Weather

RADIO 2

Quartet); Falla (Ritual Fire Dance and Dance of Terror)

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2.00pm Benny Green 3.90
Sounds Easy 4.00 Black Magic
4.30 Sing Something Simple
5.00 Charile Chester 7.00 Gorham
and Swift 7.30 Operate HalfHour 8.30 Sunday Half-Hour 9.00
Your Hundred Bast Tunes
10.05 Songs From The Shows
10.45 Christine Blair at the
plano 11.00 Sounds of Jazz
1.00am Nightride 3.00-4.00 A
Little Night Music

RADIO 3

6.35am Open University (FM) only) Weather and News (f)
3.19 Orchestra of St John's,
Smith Square under John
Lubbock, with Melinda
Maxwell, oboe, performs
Wilby (The Wings of
Morning – first broadcast);
Vaughen Williams (Tallis
Fantasia); Maw (Little
Concert – first broadcast);
Strausa (Metamorphosen)
4.39 Hohenems Schubertlade
4.39 with Elchart Williams Fricsay); Vaughan Wala (Fantasia on Greensies 7.30 News
7.36 Heifetz and Friends: Mozart
(Violan sonate in C, K 296:
with Emanuel Bay, violin);
Schubert (Quintet in D, D
956: with String Quartet)
8.26 News 8.36 Naws 8.35 Your Concert Choice:

1989 with Huchert Virginiano.
Olaf Billir, bartione, Geoffrey
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Schubert (Op 97: Glaube,
Hoffinung und Lieber (Op 12: Three Songs of the Herper;
Op 23: Die Liebe hat
gelogen; Selige Welt;
Schwanengesang;
Schatzgräbers Begeher; Op
39: Sehmsucht; Op 80: Der
Wanderer an den Mond;
Das Zügenglöcklein; Im
Freien; Op 105:
Wilderspruch; Wilegenlied;
Am Ferstar; Sehmsucht; Op
98: Die Sterne; Jägers
Liebeslied; Wanderers
Nachtlied; Fischerweise)
6.15 Building the Encharbed
Loom: The first of two
programmes in which Ockeghem (Missa prolationum: Hilliand Ensemble); Rautavaara (Cantus arcticus: Klemetti Institute Symphony Orchestra under Pertti Pakkrenen); Delugsy Pakkanen): De sous No 1 in D: (Arabesque No 1 in D Daniel Adni); Hoffmei (Flute Concerto in D: trate Concerto in U: English Chember Orchestra under Laurence Leonard, with Ingrid Dingfelder, flute); Menotti (What a Curse for a Woman Is a Timid Man: Orchestra of St Luke 5 coder, David Zinman, with programmes in which Professor John Taylor under David Zinman, with Dawn Upshaw, soprano);
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Philhermonis under Geoffrey Simon)

19.30 Music Weekly with Michael

Oliver, Aspects of Berlioz:
The secret biographies are developments behind 7.00 Lutoslawski: Alberta Cuartet (r)
7.30 London Philhermonic under
Kurt Masur; London
Philhermonic Choir; Frachiey Two recent biographies are reviewed by David Charlton;

the tenor Robert Tear in ure senor Hobert Tear In conversation; and Simon Broughton reports on the folk music of Transylvania 11.15 Edward Downes Conducts the BBC Phaharmonic Orchestra, Walton (Callo Concerto); Strauss (Symphonic noem, Fin (Symphonic poem, Ein Heldenleben) 12.35em Piano Trios: Yuvai Trio performs Haydn (Trio in Eminor, H XV 12); Brahms
(Trio in B, Op 8)

1.35 Poet of the Month: Four poems by New Zestandar James K. Bacter are read to the Month support of the Month of the M bý lélicw countrywoman. post Fleir Adcock 1.40 Rubinstein on Record with Graham Sheffield, The plants performs Falls (hights in the gerdens of Spain; with the Philadelphia Orchestra under Eugene Ormandy); Faurė (Noctume in A flat); Franck

in A man; Franck (Symphonic Variations: with Symphony Orchestra of the Air under Watenstein):

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sking a machine that can rski: Alberni Quartet Children's Music Group, with Sylvie McNair. soprano, Teresa Shaw, mezzo, Susanna Spicer, mezzo, Friedheim Ebens, mezzo, Friedheim Eberie, narrator, performs
Schumann (Symphony No 4)
8.00 The March on Flume from The Lion of Pescara, by George MacBeth, abridged by Duncan Minshull, Read by John Moffatt 8.20 Debussy (Le Martyre de Saint Sébestien). Live from the Royal Festival Heil, London
9.35 Czech Philharmonic Wind Ensemble performs Mozart K 188 – first Ensemble performs Mozert (Divertimento, K 168 — first movement); Besthoven (Octet in E tist, Op 103)

10.05 Third Ear with Robert Lauricen M Hewison (r)
10.30 The End of a Journey: 10.30 The End of a Journey:
Recorded in the Chapel of
Trinity College, Cambridge
11.30 Romanian Nights: The
plantst Cristian Petrescu
performs Enesco (Carillon
noctume; Sonata in F sharp
minor, Op 24 No 1) 12.00 News 12.05em Close

6.00 TV-am begins with News and Good Morning Momenta presented by Ulrika Jonsson; 7.00 It's Stardust. Alvin Stardust with a selection of songs and stories

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5.00 David Froet on Sunday. The
guests include David Mellor and the
Duke of Norfolk. The newspapers
are reviewed by Ned Sherrin and Eve Pottard

9.25 The Disney Club presented by Andrea Boardman, Gordon Inglis and John Eccleston. 10.45 Link. Peter White talks to disabled activists about political representation. 11.00 Morning Worship from St Luke's Greek Orthodox Church in Newca

Greek Orthodox Church in Newcupon Tyne,
12.00 Encounter. The work done by chaplains of the intercontinental Church Society who accompany older people on Thomson's long winter holidays in Spain.
12.30 My Little Pony. Cartoon adventures 12.40 Police 5 with Shaw Taylor 12.55 LWT News and weather
1.00 News with Fions Armstrong.

1.00 News with Flona Armstrong.

Weather

1.10 Eyewitness includes an interview with Mike Tyson and a report on the High Street crisis caused by the down-turn in consumer spending

2.00 McCloud: Give My Regrets to Broadway, Marshal Sam McCloud investigates an explosion in which a fellow officer has been killed while covering a duty for him. Was McCloud's colleague killed in his

3.25 The Match. Tottenham Hotspur v
Norwich City from White Hart Lane.
The commentator is Alan Parry.
Also featured are goals from the
weekend's other First Division
matches
5.35 Bulkeye.
6.05 Rescue, Winchman Paul "Chox"
Barton outlines to ramblers the
dangers that can await the
unprepared climber or walker
6.30 News with Flona Armstrong.
Weather 6.35 LWT News and

6.40 Highway. Sir Harry Secombe visits Burrswood, a Christian healing centre in Groombridge on the

Kent/Sussex border
7.15 Wish Me Luck. General Stuckler and his men interrogate Sylvie and her mother (Oracle) 8.15 The Two of Us. Elaine decides that she and Ashley should go green: (Oracle)
8.45 News with Fiona Armstrong.

Weather 9.00 LWT Weather. 9.05 Agatha Christie's Poirot: The Agains Christe's Point: The Disappearance of Mr Davenheim. Point accepts a wager from inspector Japp to try to solve the mysterious disappearance of a city banker without leaving Whitehaven Mansions. (Oracle)

10.05 Tarrant on TV. Chris Tarrant examines attitudes to speed and illustrates how the world's funeral directors can profit from it

10.35 The South Bank Show. Chinua
Achebe gives the sixth annual South
Bank Show lecture on African

11.35 One to One. Anne Nightingale
meets Cliff Richard
12.05am Whithread Round the World
Race. An up-date by Gary Evans
12.35 The ITV Chart Show (r)
1.35 Pick of the Week Introduced by
Sara Hollamby

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2.05 Film: Before Winter Comes (1969)
starring David Niven, Topol and Anna
Karlna. A British major in charge
of a displaced persons camp in
Austria after World War Two is
duped by a cuming Russian
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4.00 Nascar, Stock car racing
5.00 ITN Morolog News with R

Bath. Ends at 6.00

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5.55ata Shipping Forecast 6.00
News Briefing; Weather
6.10 Prefude with Marjorie
Lofthouse (s) 6.30 News;
Morning Has Broken, with
Jack Hywel-Davies (s) 6.55
Weather 7.00 News 7.10
Sunday Papers
7.15 On Your Farm: Claire Powell
visits Dean City Farm, near
London (see Choice) (r)
7.40 Sunday, with Clive
Jacobs and Andrew Green,
incl 7.55 Weather 8.00
News 8.10 Sunday Papers
8.50 The Week's Good
Cause: Appeal on behalf of
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Society 8.55 Weather

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9.00 News
9.10 Sunday Papers
9.15 Letter From America by
Alistair Cooke (r)
9.20 Morning Service from St
Mary's Church, Melmount,
Strabane (s)
10.15 The Archers omnibus
edition edition 11,15 News Stand with Andrew

Rewnsley 11.30 Pick of the Week with Margaret Howard (s) (r)
12.15pm Desert Island Discs: Sue Lawley with actress Sarah Miles (s) 12.55 Weather 1.00 The World This Weekend with Nick Clarks 1.55

Shipping Forecast
2.00 Gardeners' Question Time:
Listeners' gardening
problems are answered by
Dr Stefan Buczacki, Fred
Downham and Daphne
Ledward, With Clay Jones in
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2.30 Classic Serial: That Hideous Strength, by C.S. Lewis. Four-part dramatization by Stephen Mallatratt (1) (s) (r)

3.30 Bookstacks, Haversacks and Strength Shoots A Portrait of the London Library. June Knox-Ma

explores Britain's most distinguished private library

amining the delicate lance of nature maintained on its islands (r) News; Down Your Way: Slan Phillips returns to her childhood haunt of Dinetwr (see Choice)

5.40 Lines of Communication: In the first of six programmes Patrick Hannan examines swearing 5.50 Shipping Forecast 5.55 Weather 6.00 News 6.15 Feedback: Chris Dunkley airs tisteners' and vie comments on BBC

comments on BBC
programmes and policy (r)
6.30 Root of the Matter: Analysis
of key issues from around
Britain. With John Thirtwell
7.00 Cat's Whiskers: Presented
by Andy Crane (s)
7.30 Bookshelf: Nigel Forde talks
to Dr Roger Virgoe, author
of Private Life in the 15th
Century. his new selection

of Private Life in the 15th Century, his new selection of the Paston Letters (r)
8.00 The Sittatord Mystery: The Second Seance. Five-part dramatization of Agatha Christie's novel (first part) (s) (r)
8.30 The Second Victory: Profile of Captain Karnabahadur Gurung who returned home to Nepal after 27 years' service in the 2nd Gurkha Riffes. His selection to the Gurkha regiment of the British Army is seen as the second and ultimate victory, the first being survival to adulthood. Presented by Michael Collie

the first being survival to adulthood. Presented by Michael Collie 9.00 News; Enquire Within with Dilly Barlow (r) 9.15 The Natural History Programme: Presented by Jessica Hohm and Fergus Keeling. With Michael Scott in California (r) 9.59 Weather 10.00 Pillars of Society: Part 5: Lincoln's Inn. Julia Neuberger examines the Inn's role and finds out how changes in the legal world

changes in the legal world are being reacted to by its barristers and judges (r) 11.00 in Committee presented by John Tumball

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6.30 The Wonder Years
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8.00 The Media Show. Rupert
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Chorus in this Glyndebourne Festival
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12.35 Around Westminster
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1.30 40 Minutes: History's in Hiding (r).
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6.00 Ski Sunday from Chamonix. The
men's downhill championship
6.35 The Money Programme. Anthony
Simmonds-Gooding of British
Satellits Broadcasting and Rupert
Murdoch of Sky Television talk about
their battle for the audiences and
the cost of the satellite "war"
7.15 The Natural World: La Loire
Sauvage. The battle to prevent a dam
being built on the upper Loire
(Ceetax)
8.05 Ripping Yams: Whistrey's Last
Case (r)
8.40 The Midas Touch: The Quest for
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9.30 The Talk Show with Cilve James.
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who visited Georgia at the end of
the 19th century

10.35 East Meets Wax. Ruby Wax goes
on tour of the Soviet Union (r)

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starring Naseeruddin Shah. The
story of a man who lives to regret
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From 8.00sm The Shopping Channel 2.00pm Carry on Loving (1970): The facts of life according to the Carry On team 4.00 The Wizard of Speed and Time (1988): Drama-documentary following the fortunes of director Mike Jittlov 6.00 Cold River (1982): The father of two teenagers suffers a fatal heart attack during a camping trip in 1923 7.40 Projector: Forthcoming movies on

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8.00 Power (1986): Richard Gere plays a media executive who grows to detest his work creating images for politicians 10.00 Star Wars (1977): Luke Skywalker and friends set out to rescue Princess Lela from the evil Darth Vader. With Mark Hamill and Carrie Fisher 12.00 The Long Good Friday (1980): Bob Hoskins as a ruthless East End gangster caught up in a gang war 2.00 mm Nobody's Fool (1986): Officeat comedy in which Rosanna Arquette strives to become an actress to become an actress

4.00 Shag (1988): A bride-to-be enjoys a weekend at the beach with her friends. With Phoebe Cates. Ends at 5.40am

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SCREENSPORT

12.30am Argentinian Footbell 2.15 US Pro Ski Tour 2.45 Basketball 4.15 Spanish Soccer 6.00 ice Speedway 7.00 Pro Bowlers Tour 8.15 Spanish Soccer 10.00 1990 Indoor Supercross 11.30 US Pro Ski Tour 12.00 Argentinian Football 1.45 Basketball 3.15 Powersports 4.15 Spanish Soccer 6.00 Ice Hockey 8.00 Basketball 9.30 Boxing 11.00 Ice

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Flood alert as rising rivers swamp the west

Scotland battered by more high winds

By Roth Gledbill and Craig Seton

Storm-force winds battered Scotland again yesterday, bringing down trees, damag-ing sea walls and causing snow

worker died after he was drafted in to help with emergency repairs in Wiltshire.

Exceptionally high tides af-fected coastal routes and some roads were closed because of drifting snow and fallen trees. Streets were flooded and closed in Dundee and Glas-gow after scaffolding and

on the Clyde coast. Snow ploughs were out at first light in parts of Northern Ireland to open roads blocked by snowdrifts.

The electricity worker from Scotland who died in Wiltshire was knocked down and killed by a van while repairing power cables at Longhedge near Warminster. His name was not disclosed.

In Worcestershire, the Severn rose to its highest level for years, 14 feet above normal, flooding riverside homes,

shops and public houses. The National Rivers Authority said the river levels at Worcester were about the

At Gloucester the floods were among the worst five since records began and the highest since 1965.

Dozens of riverside homes throughout the region remained under several feet of water and many roads were

Several parts of Tewkesbury were also under water yesterday and in nearby Chaceley homes were evacuated as lev-Upton on Severn, north of

Tewkesbury, remained virtually cut off A flood alert was issued for the first time on the River

Avon at Evesham and there were also alerts on the Avon, Leam and Stour in Warwick-

River levels were reported to be falling slowly further electricity supplies after the Ironbridge, Bridgnorth and



at their highest for many

Thousands of acres of farmland in Somerset were

In Nottingham, a 19th cea-tury listed building which was to have housed the Department of Transport's driving lapsed in the high winds.

The Government had refused an application to demolish the building.

Bad weather again halted attempts to reach the wreck of a ship thought to be the Flag Theofano which sank off the south coast near Hayling Island, Hampshire with the loss of 19 lives four days ago.

An elderly woman with multiple sclerosis was one of several people whose homes were flooded when the river Enborne burst its banks near Newbury, Berkshire.

recently been reconnected to without power by the fresh

Bewdley, where they had been storms in Berkshire, Wiltshire and Hamoshire.

An inquest in Berkshire was told that a World War Two veteran, Mr Harry Buckland, aged 69, who hanged himself after his electricity supply failed for the second time, was depressed by the power cuts.

one water company is still warning of serious water

Despite the storms, at least

shortages this year.

Lee Valley Water, which supplies homes in Hertfordshire, Bedfordshire, Essex and north London warned consumers to use water wisely sprinklier bans in the summer.

Winds everywhere will be strong again in the early hours today, with severe gales, hail, snow and sleet over northwest Scotland and Northern Ireland. Western and southern will be windy with rain and

The north of England and Scotland will remain wet and windy, with temperatures fall-



Numbers row with Moscow settled

By Andrew McEwen Diplomatic Editor

Britain and the Soviet Union announced yesterday that they had settled their differences over the number of diplomats and businessmen which each country is allowed to keep in the other's capital.

The agreement laid to rest the last traces of bitterness left over from Britain's decision last May to expel 11 Soviet diplomats and journalists.

Moscow, stung by what it saw as an insult, in that the move came only a month after a visit to Britain by President Gorbachov, hit back by expelling a similar number of British diplomats and journal. ists. At the same time it set a limit of 205 on the total staff of the British embassy in Moscow together with British businessmen and journalists there.

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It said it was a reciprocal move, in that Britain had long imposed an identical limit on officially-accredited Soviet citizens working in London

Moscow had not previously reacted to the British limit because Britain had far fewer than 205 comparable people working in Moscow.

Had the Soviet limit been applied in a way directly comparable with the British limit, it would not have caused any anxiety to the Foreign Office. But Moscow made it much tougher by saying that Soviet employees of the British embassy would be included in the figure.

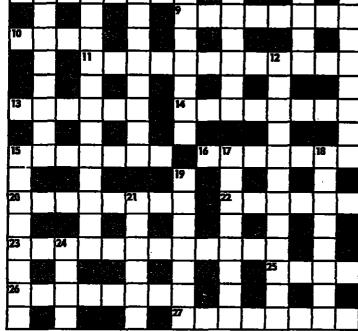
This would have forced Britain to chose between dismissing most of its Soviet staff or reducing the numbers of diplomats, businessman and journalists.

Under the deal announced yesterday, the limit of 205 remains, but covers only diplomats and businessme Soviet staff of the British embassy and British journalists in Moscow are excluded.

The two sides agreed to try to work towards a situation where no limits on either side would be necessary. Occa-sional meetings will be held to review the agreement.

Whitehall sources said they were pleased with the deal, which showed the excellent state of Anglo-Soviet

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ACROSS

- 1 Traitor in Paris who mixed 9 Proposal to have bowling square
- by river (8). 10 Visionary lost catalogues? What a notion! (4). 11 Coaches find bread immediately available outside gym entrance
- 13 Degree Sir Walter detailed in The Talisman? (6).
- 14 It's a blunder in, eg, an elder's dissertation (8). 15 Another course for supporters
- 16 Contact America about one's leader being insensitive (7).
 20 Means of evading arrows fired from here? (8). 22 Old reformer abandoned church to become painter (6).
- 23 Notes owl. perhaps? He hits it with ease (12). 25 The memsahib is carving a bit of the bird (4).
- 26 Taste he developed, beginning to esteem works of art (8). 27 Functions about which small numbers appear to show curiosity (8).

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- 2 Continental articles on leg-endary period are in a minority
- 3 Farmer's quota fixed before fall 4 Fashionable apartment embittered extremists blew up (8).

 5 A big man distributing oil in his
- 6 Black bird once used in hunting hares? (6).
- 7 Woman without posh name, though of stately beauty (4).
 8 Self-indulgent inclination, not only of the feeble (8). 12 National trait not beginning, perhaps, to be dictatorial (12).
- 15 Retailer of drinks in southern isle (8). 17 Article is able so to identify a plant (8).
- 18 Where politicians may be kicked but that's just a story (8). 19 Indicate ring held by girl and boy (7).
- 21 An uncommunicative person in Pistol's world (6). 24 A mistake, many having left for

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- AFFLUENZA a. Morbid exces b. African flu
- c. The Venetism RUNCH a. The wild radish b. A sandwich at work c. A corner tock in dress-n
- a. Frustrated love b. A shepherd's plaid c. A hinged chisel Answers on page 14

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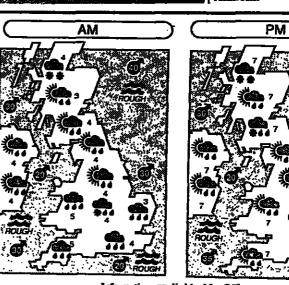
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Reserves rise £47m

Britain's gold and currency reserves rose by an underlying \$80 million (£47.5 million) last month - well below the \$338 million rise in December and less than the City had expected. January last year saw a \$330 million rise.

The Treasury's underlying figure, which excludes official repayments and new borrowing, indicates the level of Bank of England intervention on the foreign exchange markets.

With the pound supported by Britain's high interest rates, intervention has become unnecessary. A more relaxed attitude towards sterling since Mr John Major became Chancellor has also reduced moves to support it against shortterm fluctuations.

Mainmet deal

ISS, a Danish cleaning contractor, has made a £630,000 agreed bid for Mainmet, a supplier of heat meters for council housing. It offers 10pa share, a sixth of the price before suspension last month,

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Since Garston Amhurst went into

SA gold shares soar on prospect of reforms

South African gold shares swept ahead yesterday in London and Johannesburg on immediate re-action to proposed South African political reform. Driefontein rose by 73p to £10.36, Freegold by 90p to £10.69, and Vaal Reefs from £74 to £79½. The London gold price and South African rand also rose.

Companies which would benefit from a less hostile international attitude towards South Africa also rose, with Lonrho - holding a direct investment in SA through Western Platinum, and with a host of investments in neighbouring

black Africa — up by 9p at 286p. However, analysts were last night generally advising "caution" in the wake of the initial invest-

ment response to the intended release of Mr Nelson Mandela and other apartheid reforms - warning that there is some way to go before political hopes are realized. The commercial and financial rand rose against the dollar, and

London gold initially touched \$419 for a \$3 overnight rise. It later traded at \$417.95 an ounce. There was guarded approval from various companies, including

Mr Julian Ogilvic Thompson, chairman of De Beers, whose

shares rose by 40p to £11.64, and Mr Gavin Relly, chairman of Anglo American Corporation.

Both companies in the Oppenbeimer stable have extensive di-amond, gold and industrial interests in South Africa and easier access to international markets would greatly assist business.

Mr Ogilvie Thompson said "We should be on the threshold of a new and exciting era," and Mr Relly said: "These moves open the door to an exciting and constructive period in South Africa's history." However, analysts noted that during the 1980s the pace of

disinvestment from South Africa

British and other foreign companies with a presence were now a mere handful.

Few are likely to make a rapid return until President De Klerk's reforms and measures have turned into reality, and until the African National Congress defines its

The recent statement from Mr Mandela which hinted at "nationalization" of parts of the South African mining industry has left a number of potential investors concerned.

before corporate bodies and governments reversed their anti-South African investment stance.

International political reaction was mixed. Net new investment in South Africa has been blocked by most countries for a number of years, and even among those who still trade with South Africa there remain "no-go" areas - notably investments associated with defence and computer equipment.

Britain is expected to seek international support for the re-moval of some of the sanctions. Analysts, who said Mr De The Foreign Office believes "it ity of o Klerk's honeymoon was over, also would be right to consider lifting problem.

Africa to continue further reform." The European Community was guarded in its comments, while Mr Neil Kinnock, the Labour leader, said sanctions must stay until Mr De Klerk firms up his reform proposals.

The sanctions squeeze of the 1980s led to various measures to protect the South African currency and its reserves, although the pressure taught South African industry and commerce to adjust. Despite international isolation and investment hostility, the availability of oil was rarely a serious

EC securities plans could hit UK firms

By Graham Searjeant, Financial Editor

that international securities trading could be driven to Zurich and other centres outside the European Community.

This could be the result of tough new regulations proby Brussels, which would discriminate against securities companies other than those owned by banks and other big institutions.

The capital adequacy proposals are part of a drive to establish an EC-wide investment services directive as soon as possible so that companies authorized in any Community country can op-erate throughout the EC.

The directive is strongly favoured by Britain and the Irish Republic, which has the chairmanship of the Council discussion forward to the next council meeting. But there are fears that the capital adequacy proposals could go through with the directive in a form

Corporate Affairs Minister, said: "Zurich will rub its hands with glee at the folly of the EC if it does not get its regulations on financial ser-"Discussions in Brussels, to

prepare a proposal for the Council of Ministers, reveal that the capital adequacy directive could deal a savage blow to financial services businesses in the EC. We must make sure that final proposals

The Government fears require firms to hold capital

Under the proposals, the Government believes the concentration on basic capital requirements, with relatively little attention to the actual risks and positions taken by firms, would damage many smaller London brokers and investment companies.

The Securities Association believes the proposals are more appropriate to banks tish companies as well as groups from America and Ja-pan, where banking and investment business have tradit-

ionally been legally separated. But the rules would favour German universal banks, as well as British banking congloof Ministers and may bring merates, where basic capital requirements for securities trading are no problem.

ber firms of the London Stock Exchange could be threatened by the minimum capital requirements.

thought some continental ital than under EC proposals. countries had been looking at the issue through banking eyes and could, as a result, damage London and continental financial centres.

"There is no economic law always maintain a major speculative stock positions.

financial services industry. related to the likely risks in the Modern technology allows market." Modern technology allows people to shift businesses around the world rapidly.

"In negotiating directives to regulate capital requirements and the overall regime for financial services, all EC countries should remember that if we get it wrong, London, Frankfurt and Paris will suffer, and Zurich, New York and offshore centres will gain," he added.

Mr Redwood is responding and deposit-taking institu-tions. They would discrimi-Mr Stanislas Yassukovich, nate against independent Bri- chairman of TSA, in a letter to members and in communications to the Department.

Some progress had been made in talks over the past few weeks, Mr Redwood said. But made clear after the talks that it wanted to avoid any drastic changes which might hold up progress of the directive.

TSA is anxious that the By forcing smaller brokers, London approach, where regwhich depend on high returns ulators monitor securities with the directive in a form which restricts potential competition and takes an usso-phisticated approach to risk.

on working capital, out of business, the proposals could reduce existing competition as well as restricting entry. It has Mr John Redwood, the been estimated that 60 mem-better protection from default and enhances competition by allowing more efficient use of capital. But under the British system, firms taking large Mr Redwood said he risks could require higher cap-

TSA wants risk management and monitoring to be an intrinsic part of the rules and suggests that capital requirements, apart from being onerous, could offer inferior which states that the EC will protection if firms took big

New steed to stop drug-runners



Pavement Patrol: Victor Maes of the Seattle mountain-bike squad astride his Technium Chill

Raleigh back on the beat

By Derek Harris Industrial Editor

Raleigh Industries, the Nottingham bicycle maker which was a big supplier to British police forces in the days when the local bobby puffed around on two wheels, is now selling mountain bikes for police work in Britain. They are already and Yorkshire.

It all started when the Seattle police force, in the North-west of the United States, had the idea of equip-ping a squad of eight officers with 21-gear mountain bikes made in Raleigh's US factory.

The Seattle squad, on their Raleigh Technium Chills. have proved a big success in ating the drugs trade. They have been able to arrest many more drug-pushers in the seedier parts of the city by chasing them up alleyways where police cars would have had no chance of entry. Officer Pete Rossen ex-

notholes, mad and dirt, up curbs, over rocks and down

"A 10-speed wouldn't last a half hour out there. You need to get off the bike fast: you lock up the back wheel, go into a power slide, swing a leg over the main tube, dump the bike and hit the ground running. We haven't lost a suspect yet or a bike."

Raleigh, since 1987 owned consortium, has had an increasing number of inquiries from police forces in Britain. So far police on Raleigh speeds — are to be found in the West Midlands and in York.

are finding them a lot better than the traditional bobbies' bike. They are tougher, more consfortable and casier to use. The ability to cross open land has proved another plus.

Receiver appointed at Zodiac

at Zodiac Toys, the toyshop shops if no buyer can be found chain. The company, which was sold by Ward White Group to the private Celebrity Group Holdings for £7.5 million in April 1988, has been losing money heavily and is feared to have debts signifi-cantly higher than the £13.5 million reported at its January 1989 year-end.

Price Waterhouse, the accountant, was appointed on Thursday at the instigation of Barclays Bank, which arranged the finance for Celebrity's highly-leveraged purchase of Zodiac from Ward White, the auto parts and DIY retailer acquired by Boots for for buyers next week. £900 million last August.

A receiver has been appointed be forced to shut some of its 90 simution as "very bad," but

Mr Richard Boys-Stones, a partner of corporate recovery at Price Waterhouse, said ated in short-term leasehold properties, is in sizeable arrears with some landlords. "We're attempting to keep

entirely in our hands. We are assessing the size of monies owed," he said. "The big question is whe-ther we will find anyone willing to buy it in such a poor retailing climate," he said. The receivers will advertise

Mr Boys-Stones described

said it was too early to say whether Barclays and any other financial backers will receive their money back. Celebrity's acquisition of

Zodiac, whose stores are sim- Zodiac was financed through an overdraft and loan facilities from Barclays Bank, a mezzanine loan from BZW and equity finance by Barclays the shops open, but it's not Development Capital. The receivers are unable as

yet to quantify trading losses or interest payments for the year to end-January, 1990. In the previous financial year, Zodiac reported pre-tax profits of £1.1 million on sales of about £20 million. It is feared debts could be of similar proportion to turnover.

receiver is just a month after Celebrity, which was founded five years ago by Mr Russell King and Mr Alan Kingston, sold its children's publishing division to Clearmark, the Unlisted Securities Market footballs and toys distributor which was formerly known as

The consideration for the acquisition of the publishing interests is £4.5 million, after a recent change in the terms of sale under which Zodiac will receive £500,000 in cash instead of £2 million worth of

Mr Graham Stephens, the Zodiac managing director, and other Celebrity directors, were unavailable for comment

The appointment of the yesterday. It is feared that Zodiac may NFMC may face negligence claim after collapse of tied agent

Garston investors to sue TSB offshoot

Investors in Garston Amhurst, the collapsed insurance agent, are planning to sue National Financial Management Corporation for negligence to recover up to £3 million in missing funds.

A group who invested more than £500,000 are forming an action committee and met solicitors last night to discuss further action against Garston and NFMC, a subsidary of TSB's life assurance subsidiary Target.

One businessman who invested £40,000 of his mother's into Garston, and is expected to lead the investors group, said: "We don't have any option but to take action against NFMC for the shortfall in the fund."

The group will meet Mr David Shaw, the Conservative MP, next week to discuss further action. Mr Shaw has tabled questions to ministers about Garston's activities and the failure of the Financial Services Act to regulate it

liquidation on January 25 it has emerged that it was running an unauthorized high interest fund as well as marketing NFMC's own policies. The Serious Fraud Office is investigating Garston. Two Garston directors, Mr Diccon

Wright and Mr James Krekis, were

arrested by police but later released without charge. Mr Wright has told various investors there was between £8 million and £20 million in the high interest fund. Other documents however show investments of only £2.7 million. The official receivers are believed to be still trying to

untanele Garston's finances. Some of the money was sent abroad while more may still be in high interest bank accounts in Britain.

The investors are angry that NFMC failed to notice Garston's unauthorized fund for several years. They believed the fund was regulated under the Financial Services Act since they received statements from Garston saying it was a member of Lautro, the life assurance regulatory body although this fund was

not covered by NFMC's Lautro membership. Mr Paul Taylor, managing director of NFMC, defended the company's position: "We did a full compliance check in September along with Lautro, and there is no way we would have discovered the separate accounts for the

NFMC became suspicious of Garston's activities last month. But Garston went into voluntary liquidation before the NFMC could complete a full audit. NFMC itself is reported to have lost £500,000 from Garston's crash, the proceeds of a loan it made to the company when it became a tied agent in 1987. Mr Taylor refused to confirm the existence of the loan. NFMC has guaranteed the funds of the 1,300 Garston customers who hold official NFMC policies.

Many investors, which include one family with £370,000 at risk, were personal friends of Mr Wright. One said: "His paperwork was atrocious. You did not know where the money was going. But a cheque arrived every month."

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BUSINESS ROUNDUP

Elsevier denies talk of Wolters Kluwer bid

Amsterdam (Reuter) - The Dutch publisher Elsevier has denied market speculation of a merger with, or a bid for. Wolters Kluwer, Elsevier denied that the two publishers were in discussion. Elsevier owns 33.3 per cent of Wolters Kluwer, whose spokesman declined comment on its remarks. Speculation began after Wolters Kluwer said that Mr Harry Langman, a supervisory board member, would resign. He played a key part in fending off a bid by Elsevier in 1987.

Earlier this week, Elsevier, which has cross-shareholdings with Pearson, the British group, denied a press report that it and Pearson had dropped plans, for a full merger, but admitted that a cross-border merger posed major problems.

Wholesale

Fittings falls Wholesale Fittings' pre-tax profits fell to £2.56 million from £2.98 million in the six months to October on turnover of £30.45 million (£28.77 million). During the period five new depots were opened but did not contribute to profits. Directors are keeping the interim dividend at 3.23p, on earnings per share of 11.8p, down from

Mastercare in £460,000 sale

Mastercare, the Dixons Group subsidiary, has sold its computer installation and maintenance business to National Technical Services for an estimated £460,000. Dixons says this is equivalent to net asset value. The Kingfisher bid for Dixons was recently referred by Mr Nicholas Ridley, the Trade Secretary, to the Monopolies and Mergers Commission.

Michelin slowdown

Michelin, the French tyre maker, is to review costs and investments because of slowing demand worldwide. It confirmed a report in Cote Desforses, a financial newspaper, that a letter had been sent to members of its central works committee last week announcing the review.

The newspaper said 1989 group net profit, expected in mid-April, would be slightly under 1988's level of Fr2.37 billion (£247 million), but Michelin declined to corroborate this. Last year it bought Uniroyal Goodrich Tire in the US for \$690 million, making it the world's largest tyre maker.

Ciba venture Hermes stake for China

Ciba-Geigy, the Swiss chemical firm, is setting up a joint venture in China to make drugs for poultry, sheep and cattle. Shanghai Ciba-Geigy Animal Health will employ 200 local people. Investment costs will total approxi-mately SwFr30 million (£11.9 million). Production at the plant will start at the beginning of 1993.

for Sumitomo

Sumitomo of Japan has acquired a 1.2 per cent stake in Hermes, the Paris luxury leather goods maker. The stake, bought for a reported Fr98 million, (£10.1 million), is part of the 9.7 per cent of Hermes that is not held by the Hermes family. Tribune de l'Expansion, the French financial daily, calculated Hermes is worth Fr8 billion.



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Majority-owned subsidiary applies to wind up parent company

The Bell tolls for Bond empire

From David Tweed, Sydney

Bell Resources, a 60 per centowned subsidiary of Bond Corporation Holdings, has lunged at the heart of the Bond empire by applying to have its parent and associated com-

panies wound up.

The move is likely to trigger a frenzy among local and in-ternational creditors who are expected to descend on Bond Group with claims for repayment of loans of more than Aus\$5 billion (£2.34 billion). Bell Resources filed petitions in the Supreme Court of Western Australia to wind up Bond Corporation, the

group flagship, Dallhold Investments, Mr Bond's private company, Bond Media, the listed television arm, and Dallhold Nickel Management. Dallhold investments owns 60 per cent of Bond Corpora-tion, and Dallhold Nickel owns the Greenvale Nickel refinery in northern

Bond Media owns Network 9, the Australia-wide tele-vision station, and is 51 per cent owned by Bond Corpor-

Though Beli Resources is a Bond Corporation subsidiary, Bond Corporation lost board control last December to Adelaide Steamship owned by Mr John Spalvins, a business rival, under pressure from the National Companies and Securities Commission.

Mr Geoff Hill, the merchant banker from Sydney, has the casting vote on the board which has equal representauon from Bond Corporation

The number of visitors to

Hong Kong fell last year for

the first time in 18 years as a

result of Peking's bloody sup-

pression of the Chinese pro-

democracy movement in Tia-

Figures from the Hong

Kong Tourist Association (HKTA) show that visitor

arrivals fell 4.1 per cent to 5.4

million last year, after soaring

24 per cent in 1988. Hotel

occupancy, which rarely

dipped below the 80 per cent

level during the last decade.

nanmen Square last June.

board moved to wind up Bond Corporation because it wanted to restore value to Bell occurred.

in court. board.

"But the whole purpose of taking the action is to restore

The move was initiated in the Supreme Court of Western Australia, ironically over a debt of just Aus\$24.2 million

and Adsteam. Mr Michael a loan of Aus\$1,2 billion made sources comes on top of by Bell Resources to Bond moves on Thursday by a

> This loan later became a deposit on a brewery sale to up Bond Media. Bell Resources that never

Bond Corporation, the subject of two petitions from Bell Resources, said it would fight

The petitions follow requests for the Bond companies to repay funds owed to Bell Resources under Section 361 of the company's code.

Under the code a company can file a wind-up petition 21 days after the debtor has failed to make the repayment. The action by Bell Re-

the colony lost only those visitors who included China

in their Hong Kong itinerary. He said: "In 1988, 28 per cent

of the people who came here

went to China. So when June 4

happened, 28 per cent of our

arrivals were at risk."

Chinese rule in 1997.

EQUITIES

banking syndicate led by Nat-

ional Australia Bank to wind Bell Resources said the petitions against the Dallhold companies and Bond Media were based on the failure of the companies to meet small debts mostly related to trans-

port costs. The Bell Resources petitions are due to be considered by the WA Supreme Court on March 21.

But it is likely the court battle will begin well before its numerous creditors. Mr Spalvins' troubled association with Bell Resources first came to light in August 1988, when Adsteam revealed it had built up an 11.4 per cent stake in Bell Resources.

Mr Spalvins refused to divulge the reason behind the buying and by May last year he had lifted his stake to 19.6 per cent.

Adsteam's problem with Bell began soon after when it heard that Bell Resources had channelled Aus\$1.2 billion to its parent, Bond Corporation, in what became a deposit for Bond Corporation's brewing operations.

Mr Spalvins threatened legal action to recover the cash and, on December 1, Adsteam made a daring bid for board control of Bell Resources by nominating Mr Spalvins and four other directors in a bid to restore the value of the company."

On December 8, Adsteam lodged an application with the WA Supreme Court asking for a receiver to be appointed to Bell Resources.

But this was dropped less than a week later when Mr Bond and Mr Spalvins struck a deal to share two seats each on the Bell Resources board, with an independent chairman, Mr Hill.

Elsewhere, Bond Brewing Holdings, its brewing arm, is the subject of a receivership bid being considered for judgement by the Victorian then when Bond Corporation Supreme Court. The judge is seeks legal protection to stave expected to give his verdict off repayment demands from towards the end of next week.

Hotelier back in profit at £5.41m

The hotels-to-nursing homes group. Buckingham Interna-tional. formerly Leisuretime International, is paying its first dividend since 1986, after turning a £220,000 loss into a £5.41 million pre-tax profit in the year to end-October.

Earnings per share rise from 38p to 6.98p, and there is a 1.6p dividend.

The group has been transformed since Messrs Nurdin and Nick Jivraj, the fatherand-son team who made their name in the mid-1980s with London Park Hotels, took control two years ago, and began buying rundown hotels

Revenues have risen by 20 to 30 per cent and occupancy levels to about 78 per cent. helped by franchises from big hotel operators.

Buckingham, which started the year with one 390-room hotel in Orlando. Florida, close to Walt Disney World, now has five hotels with a total of 1,424 rooms and has a 278-room hotel under construction.

The American operations contributed more than £4 million to operating profits. The Jersey hotels were "tick-ing along" and the nursing homes, where there were plans to increase occupancy levels. "plodding along." said Mr Nick Jivraj, the chief executive.

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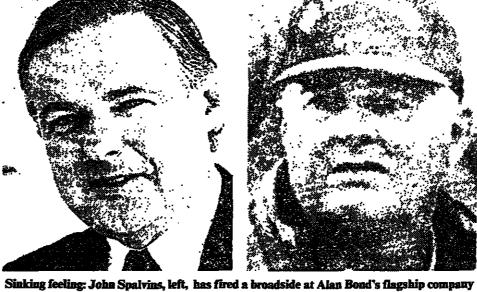
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Mr Jivraj said: "Management is committed to expandng the portfolio in Britain, America and Europe through organic growth and further acquisitions." There was con-siderable potential for development of offices. residential property and a hotel on two sites in Portugal. This year's results were

ahead of market expectations and Mr Alan Matthews at Beeson Gregory expects further improved contributions from America over the next two years. He expects pre-tax profits of

£6.6 million for the year to October 1990. The shares firmed by 2p to 94p. Group turnover, advanced

by 98.7 per cent to £25.7 million. There is an extraordinary cost of £290,000 relating to historic business sales and abortive acquisitions.



Kent, the finance director of Corporation. Adsteam, who is on the board of Bell Resources, said the

"I am not in any position to comment on the board action," he said. "I am one director out of five on the

when the bone of contention is

From Lulu Yn, Hong Kong

fell from 92 per cent in 1988 to

Visits by the Japanese, the

Crown colony's most frequent

tourists, fell five per cent,

while those by Americans and

Europeans fell 17 and nine per

cent respectively. Tourism re-

ceipts — Hong Kong's third biggest earner of foreign ex-change — rose 10 per cent to HK\$36 billion (£2.77 billion),

in line with Hong Kong's 1989

Mr Douglas King, market-

ing director of the HKTA, said

average rate of inflation.

79 per cent last year.

China crisis causes first fall Battle over MGM in HK tourism for 18 years | title goes to trial

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MGM name. A Los Angeles County Su-perior Court judge bad dis-missed the lawsuit last year.

He said although the industry had suffered since May, MGM/UA in 1985 licensed there were signs of a recovery certain rights of the MGM this year. And he dismissed name to Disney for use in film theme parks. In May 1988, MGM/UA sued Disney for fears that Hong Kong would lose its appeal as a consumers' allegedly breaching the agree-ment by using the MGM paradise after returning to

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Culver City (Reuter) - A name on a full-scale film California Appeals Court re- production facility. Disney now uses the name

> In ordering the trial, the Appeals Court rejected Disney's argument that a studio tour could not exist without a production studio.

in its Disney-MGM Studios

Theme Park, opened last May

Mr Skip Miller, an attorney advising MGM/UA, said: "MGM is entitled to recover the name in Florida and everywhere else in the world." MGM is also seeking unspecified monetary damages.

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the two cross-Channel super-

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Sea Containers has 42 per

cent of Orient Express, the

hotels group. This holding is

being transferred to Cipriani

Hotels, a new Italian com-

pany, which is set to be floated on the Milan stock exchange,

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Shareholders in Sea Conpresent level of about 27 per bid. Mr Sherwood said: "The ing the 12 ferries on the Isle of with Sea Containers taking a controlling stake and injecting tainers will learn next week of cent.
the recapitalization plan Sha which is set to offer them a substantial cash payment after the sale of more than half the company to Temple, the Tiphook-Stena vehicle. Mr James Sherwood, Sea

Containers' president, said the board would meet on Wednesday to consider the financial restructuring. No firm figures have been set, but he was sticking to his plan to offer his shareholders \$70 (£42) or more in value for their shares.

One likely result of the restructuring is that Mr Sherwood and the Sea Containers

approach from MTM sent Chemoxy International, a fel-

low chemicals group, soaring 192p to 400p yesterday, in line with the cash element of the

offer. Chemoxy denounced the hid as "unacceptable" and advised shareholders to ignore

MTM is proposing to pay a 50 per cent premium for Chemoxy, based on the 267p

price at which its target's

Dr Anthony Gillham,

Chemoxy's managing director, said he could not deny that

this premium was "2 very significant one", and that the two companies had spoken to each other on "reasonably

But he added: "The bid is uninvited and Chemoxy will be rejecting it. There might well be others interested, but that

Chemoxy's board controls more than 25 per cent of the share capital, with Barchays Bank the leading institutional holder with 5.6 per cent.

MTM, based on Teesside, is offering 400p cash for every

Chemoxy share, or 186 new

MTM shares for every 100

friendly terms."

remains to be seen."

shares closed on Thursday.

By Sam Parkhouse

An unwelcome £12 million bid Chemoxy. MIM shares tradapproach from MIM sent ed at 211p yesterday, down 4p.

Shareholders will receive a

cash payment while retaining "stub" equity. This equity will relate to the parts of the business Sea

Containers is keeping and the company will retain its quotation in New York. The president refused to reveal further details before the board meeting.

Temple, jointly owned by Tiphook, the British container group, and Stena, the Swedish wood and the Sea Containers dry cargo and tank container Mr Sherwood says, are the subsidiaries will increase their operations last month in the stake in the company from its final throes of a hostile full • A fleet of 30 ships, includ-

Mr Richard Lines, MIM

chairman, said the offer being

the company's merchant bank adviser, was "full and fair."

MTM wanted to acquire

cial strength and established

product range would com-plement its speciality chemi-cals business. Chemoxy's

Chemoxy because its con-

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MTM bids £12m for Chemoxy

takeover bid is over, that's for sure. There's a 10-year standstill agreement for them not to acquire any shares."

Investors to be offered at least \$70 in value under restructuring plan

The disposals and recapitalization will be considered by Sea Containers shareholders on March 15 and, if passed, the asset sales compicted by the end of the month. The recapitalization will take effect on April 5, by which time Stena will have the Sealink Cross-Channel fleet.

Sea Containers will retain: shipping line, made its agreed offer for Sea Containers' tainers, the specialist and Sealink ferry services and its refrigerated activities which,

Wight route and four serving controlling stake and injecting the Isle of Man, five hoverits own fully-owned hotels, the Cipriani in Venice and two There will also be five new others in Cape Town and Rio car-carrying catamarans, the de Janeiro.

Future developments for Sea Containers include factories in Brazil and Spain producing speciality con-tainers and entry into the and Sea Containers' Irish Sea Australian ferry market, linking Melbourne and Tasmania.

> The Orient Express deal will bring about \$70 million to Sea Containers. Of the other \$1 billion from the Sealink and containers disposals, some will repay existing debt relating to those assets and some of the rest will go to

Holidays cut Tokyo surplus

By Colin Narbrough

Japanese tourists last year boosted their spending abroad 20 per cent to more than \$19 billion (£11.2 billion), contributing to a sharp reduction in their country's still handsome current account surplus.

The surplus was the lowest for four years, largely because of record spending abroad, a bigger bill for oil imports and the stronger dollar.

The surplus fell by 28.4 per cent, much as Tokyo wanted in order to please trading partners. Despite the dramatic fall, the surplus was still huge, at \$57 billion (£33.9 billion).

Dr Gerard Lyons, chief economist at DKB International, said that, in line with the Tokyo Government's policy, importers had stepped up the inflow of goods, and reinvestment of export earn-ings overseas had increased.

Exports were only \$10 billion higher at \$270 billion, and imports surged \$27 billion to \$192 billion. The invisibles deficit, which reflects record spending by Japanese tourists, surged by more than \$5 billion to nearly \$16 billion.

The US slowdown is believed to have diverted some exports to Japan's home market, where demand has been strong and some sectors of industry have lacked capacity. However, Dr Lyons said

that many manufacturers should be able to expand exports this year after present compromising message. heavy investment in capacity.

No salesman will call.

WORLD ECONOMIC FORUM

Mexico worries over

Eastern competition

ompetition and co-operation are

For President Carlos Salinas de Gortari

of Mexico, it is clear that the main

competition comes from Eastern

Europe which threatens to divert the

attention and cheque books of the rich

nations of the West from the economic

problems and financial needs of Latin

At the conference, he said the changes

in Eastern Europe should not divert

European concerns inward and away

from the rest of the world. Mexico bad

two-thirds of the population of the

whole of Eastern Europe and provided

attractive opportunities for foreign

combined resources of the international

financial institutions and the commer-

cial banks. Test bed for the Brady plan

for debt relief, Senor Salinas is due to

sign the final agreement with Mexico's commercial bank creditors in a few

The banks have been less than thrilled

with the options offered to them. Some

indication of their feelings may be

judged from their choice of options: 41

per cent opted for a 35 per cent

reduction in principle, 47 per cent for a

cut in the interest rate to a fixed 6.25 per

cent and only 12 per cent chose to

But President Salinas, like other large

Latin American debtors, is concerned

that the new fixation with the dev-elopment demands of Eastern Europe

other developing nations, "May these

splendid signs of change not cloud Europe's global vision, not turn its

attention away from our continent -

particularly from Mexico - and from

The combination of economic glas-

nost and the single market programme

other regions of the world," he said.

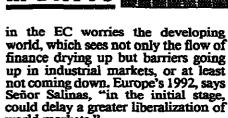
contribute new money.

Mexico has done well out of the

investment

the theme of this year's World

Economic Forum in Switzerland.



world markets." For Mexico's part, it seems to be doing everything the International Monetary Fund or World Bank could possibly want in the way of restructuring its economy. If words could satisfy the bankers, Mexico surely would have no credit rating problems.

Tariffs have come down to an average of 6 per cent, with 80 per cent of trade free of non-tariff restrictions. Trade liberalization has been complemented by foreign investment which, says Señor Salinas, is "indispensable." British Telecom is believed to be among the suitors for the hand of Telmex, Mexico's telecom monopoly.

Deregulation has come to the petrochemical, transport, agriculture and telecom industries and privatization is not far behind. This will cover not will deny funds for Latin America and only the sale of shares in Telmex but also private money to build roads and other infrastructure.

Señor Salinas, in his first official visit to Europe since becoming president, is carrying a message which one way or another most of his colleagues in the rest of Latin America are

Zero inflation 'for stability'

he task for the 1990s is to bring inflation in the US down from its present 4-4.5 per cent to zero, the Federal Reserve Governor Mr Wayne Angell said here.

"A 4½ per cent rate of inflation is unacceptable," he said.

If inflation were brought down, exchange rate stability would follow in its wake, Mr Angell said. This was a necessary, and a sufficient, condition for a stable dollar.

Highly indebted companies would be disadvantaged in the fight against inflation. "Some are going to make it, and some aren't," was Mr Angell's un-

Mr Henry Kaufman, the Wall Street guru, speaking to the same audience, was less sanguine about the outlook for currency stability. The dollar, he said, was declining in relative importance as a world reserve currency.

He said: "A dominant reserve currency provides stability; three or four reserve currencies is bound to produce periods of

There were two worries about the high indebtedness of US companies. Firstly, it exposed them in the event of shocks to the world economy, and secondly it made the conduct of monetary policy more

business, and reputation in, reprocessing recoverable chemical side-stream products was particularly attractive. Chemoxy made pre-tax pro-fits of £570,000 on a turnover of £7.1 million at its interim stage to September 1989. Rob ert Fleming says the MTM offer is being made at a price/earnings multiple of Chemicals analysts from James Capel, the broker, described the MTM bid as opportunistic, pointing out that Chemoxy is hopeful about obtaining a multi-million pound grant from Teesside local authority to assist with

'Full and fair bid': Richard Lines, MTM chairman, yesterday

BIA 'has £3.4m in assets'

By Our City Staff

The receivers at British Island Airways have said it owns about £3.4 million worth of spare parts but little else that can be easily turned into cash

to meet its £10 million debts. Mr Nigel Atkinson, the Touche Ross receiver, says BIA kept a stockpile of stock and spare parts for its BAC 1-11 fleet even though the 13 planes were sold and leased back under the £20 million rescue package last year.

He said the spares and other tangible assets were worth about £3.4 million in the books. In theory, BIA is owed a further "several million pounds" in receivables, but whether this is collectable is

another matter," he said. BIA sold its fleet of 13 BAC 1-11 and McDonnell Douglas aircraft after Christmas, raising about £13 million. It leased these back and continued operating its scheduled flights out of Gatwick and Manchester to Malta and Sicily.

Lloyds Bank contributed £5 million to the rescue plan, but this was grounded when it pulled out on Thursday and Touche Ross, the accountancy firm, stepped in as receiver. Mr Atkinson said there was

still a possibility of another airline coming in as a partner to rescue BIA. International Leisure Group has ruled itself out as a bidder. Mr Atkinson said he was not clear as to the whereabouts

of the £7 million BIA was supposed to have been left with as working capital under the Lioyds rescue plan. BIA lost £4.9 million in its last completed six months. Its

shares have been suspended at

30p since November.

DTI to recruit more experts for insurance regulation By Graham Searjeant, Financial Editor

Industry is to strengthen its regulation of the insurance industry by raising staff numbers from 75 to 86 by the end of the year.

relocation costs. MTM has nil gearing and intends to issue

about 5.6 million shares to

Experts from outside the on two- to three-year contracts.

Mr John Redwood, corp-orate affairs minister, said numbers were being raised to cope with the increasing complexity expected with the single European market, sharper market fluctuations. and takeovers by companies outside the industry and from abroad. In a faster moving market, a

change of managament could lead to changed policies over profits, dividends and reserving. The threat of takeovers could also encourage companies to run nearer the Britian would still have far

The Department of Trade and fewer insurance regulators approach to the proposed than France, with about 200, takeover of BAT Industries, or Germany, which has 350. which owns two leading Brit-

The move follows a review of insurance regulation by Mr zeal over BAT's American Nicholas Ridley, the Trade Secretary, and Mr Redwood since they came into office part of a general review in the DTI following the Financial Services Act and criticisms



ish insurers, has been contrasted with US regulatory insurance business. Mr Deduced sai had one of the best home-state insurance regulatory systems

in Europe. The department intended to continue concentrating on solvency and policyholder protection without straying into areas such as policy and contract terms regulated abroad.

It had gained adequate powers over insurance companies after the collapse of Vehicle & General and these did not need to be revamped in an equivalent of the FSA.

New intermediate powers to ban individual directors and possibly to insist on more capital may be sought, but these were not urgent, he

Norfolk lagging, says

commercial hotel group, has sent its formal offer document to shareholders in Norfolk Capital Group, the hotel chain for which Queens launched a hostile bid a week ago. The document emphasizes

the performance of Norfolk shares over the last five years. In his letter to Norfolk shareholders, Mr John Bairstow, Queens chairman, says; "The share price performance of Norfolk over the past five years has been disappointing, having under-performed the

Oueens Moat House, the FT-all share index. Over the does not have the full support same period, Queens ordinary shares have significantly outperformed the same index."

The document also alludes to the boardroom split at Norfolk. Two directors, Lady Joseph and Mr Antony Good, who together own 8 per cent of Norfolk shares, conspicuously failed to give their full backing to Mr Peter Eyles, Norfolk's managing director, at the extraordinary meeting on Monday. In his letter Mr

of its board. Consequently Queens Moat believes change of management is necessary if Norfolk assets are to be managed more effectively and profitably."

Queens is offering two new shares for every five Norfolk, valuing each Norfolk share at just over 41p and the company at about £170 million. Queens has 4.45 per cent of Norfolk whose biggest shareholder is Balmoral Inter-Bairstow says: "The present national Balmoral owns 13 Norfolk Capital management per cent of Norfolk.

New striker scores at White Hart Lane

Abingdon in 5% Spurs build-up

By Matthew Bond

Abingdon Management, a private investment company, has built up a 5.03 per cent stake in Tottenham Hotspur, the quoted North London football chub where boardroom action often rivals activity on the pitch.

The investment is the brain child of Mr Guy Libby, an Abingdon director, a former chairman of Fulham football club and presently a substantial shareholder in Crystal Palace. Mr Libby - clearly something of a utility player - is also deputy chairman of the television group, TVS Entertainment

Abingdon has emerged with a declarable stake two months after it asked a number of awkward questions at the club's annual meeting two months ago. But Mr Libby's timing may have been prompted by the £13 million paid to his former club, third division Fulham, simply to vacate its ground. Tottenham Hotspur is valued by the stock market at £11.9 million. At the annual meeting

about the club's indebtedness and whether it would be seeking shareholder approval for buying and selling players following the club's decision to take its players onto the balance sheet. The £4.5 million sale of Chris Waddle would now be a superclass one transaction,

Abingdon argues. "We would like more information revealed about the finances of Spurs by the Spurs board," said Mr Geoffrey Hamilton-Fairley, Abingdon's managing

Control of Spurs lies firmly in the hands of its board. Directors Mr Irving Scholar and Mr Tony Berry, former Blue Arrow chief, have stakes of 23 per cent and 8 per cent respectively, while Mr Paul Bobroff, chairman, has 10 per cent.

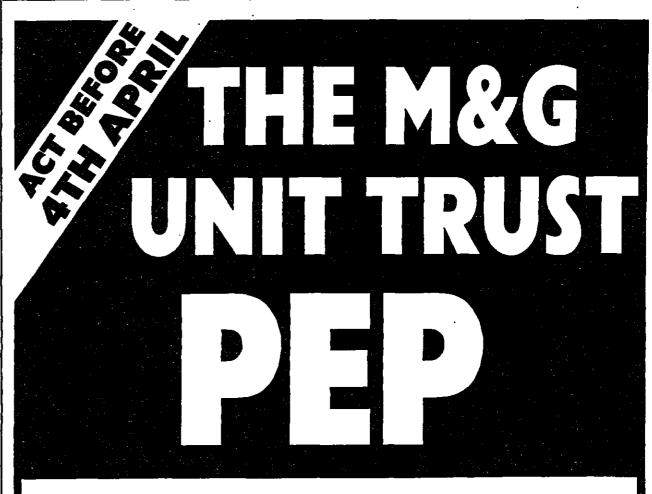
But rumours of a split in the Spurs defence were fuelled last September when Mr Bobroff resigned, only to be reinstated a week later. Since then Mr Bobroff has looked like a striker in need of his midfield. Mr Bobroff was un-

ham welcomes all shareholders," he said. Abingdon has been a Spurs' fan for some time having built up its stake over the last 18 months. But it is saying little about its intentions. "We invested because we feel that football is becoming

that Spurs is particularly well placed," said Mr Hamilton-Fairley. He believes that the publication of the Taylor Report into stadium safety this week can only be good for Spurs. "The Taylor report is a great bonus for Spurs because they are almost all-scater al-

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ready," he said. The shares rose 2p on the annonncement to close at 118p, well below the peak last year amid rumours of a 4 per cent stake by West German banks. Two months later and Mr Bobroff is little the wiser." I don't know who they are. We have been trying to get as much information as possible." Plans to disenfranchise the German share stake have, for the time being, been sidelined.



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related buying propelled the blue chip sector sharply higher yesterday, sending the

with bond prices, which had weakened after the United States Labour Department reported jobs data that analysts said reflected a sleggish, but

Shares had opened in line

The Dow Jones industrial index climbed 20 points to 2,606.31 in early trading with The number of people on non-farm payrolis source by 275,000 while the number of manufacturing jobs slid

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STOCK MARKET

Royal Bank lifted by talk of French stake-building

The prospect of a battle for control of Royal Bank of Scotland sent the shares climbing 11p to 214p — within a whisker of their year's high. Revived talk of French stake-building attracted speculators and sent turnover soaring to more than 13 million shares. At 214p, the group is valued at £1.6 billion. Dealers are convinced that one of the big French banks has been eyeing RBS hoping to expand in the run-up to 1992

Dealers have reported heavy overseas buying of the shares since the New Year, fuelling claims that an offer

and the single European mar-

may be on the cards. But potential bidders could find themselves with a fight on their hands. Banco Santander, one of Spain's biggest banks, has a 13 per cent stake, and is likely to resist any outside bid.

The rest of the equity market had another nervous session, with events on Wall Street continuing to dictate the pace. Prices fluctuated in narrow limits and were unable to establish a trend. But a rally in New York, after a hesitant start, saw prices in London respond positively. The FT-SE 100 index had risen 7.6 points to 2,353.4 by 4pm on turnover of 435 million shares. In contrast, the FT index of top 30 shares was 3.8

Government securities finished with small gains stretch-Shares of the South African

AEROSPACE: doubts over Rover deal Feb Mar Apr May Jun Jul Aug Sep Oct Nov Dec Jen Feb

after the speech by President 62p to 834p, and St Helena, FW de Klerk heralding apart-53p to 843p. heid reforms, including lifting the 30-year ban on the African National Congress. The presi-dent also said Mr Nelson at 554p. This followed claims Mandela, the jailed ANC lead-

that a confidential report compiled by the European Com-Dealers reported strong mission concludes that BAe overseas support for gold bought Rover on the cheap.

British Telecom rose 51/2p to 311p, for a rise on the week of 16p. Next week's third-quarter figures are expected to show pre-tax profits up 10 per cent. However, yesterday's rise centred on talk that Securior was ready to float off Cellnet, the cellular telephone network in which BT has a 60 per cent stake.

the view that the measures could lead to a world change in attitudes to South Africa. This, they believed, would be reflected in its economy. Gains were seen among the

heavyweights. Anglo American Gold, up £3.25 to £71, Driefontein, 73p to £10.36, Vaal Reefs, £5 to £79.50, Southvaal, £1 to £33.12, Kleef,

shares, with investors taking. The report, whose existence was later denied, was said to demand that the group should pay back £283 million to the Government. Previous estimates had claimed BAe might have to repay only £30 million.

BAe bought Rover in August for £150 million in a deal that included a £572 million cash injection by the Governtions that BAe received "additional sweeteners" from the Government to do so.

Chemoxy International, the chemicals group, surged 122p to 390p after the surprise 400p.a.share offer from rival MTM, valuing the company at £12 million. MTM's share price responded with a fall of

Tottenham Hotspur firmed 2p to 118p on the news that Abingdon Management had built up a stake of 512,000. shares, or 5.03 per cent. Abingdon is a private com-pany run by Mr Guy Libby, a director of Crystal Palace and deputy chairman of TVS. A few months ago, Mr Paul Bobroff resigned as chairman of Tottenham after a boardroom split. He was re-appointed a few days later, ighlighting a power struggle between the shareholders.

Tiphook, the container and trailer rental group, rose 5p to 468p. Sea Containers is to approve the offer for its container and ferry operations made by Temple Holdings, a company jointly owned by Tiphook and Stena of Sweden. Stena will acquire the Sealink ferry business and Tiphook the dry container operation.

Next, the troubled fashion retailer, advanced 6p to 99p after the revelation in The Times that Sears had acquired holding.

Michael Clark

Foreign buyers push Frankfurt to record Frankfurt (Reuter) - A tidal wave of as if investors were trying to sweep away cern about the latest round of corporate

foreign buying, started by new signs that German unification is drawing nearer, pushed West German share prices to new highs. The DAX index of 30 leading shares rose by 2.2 per cent in the first half hour of trading to exceed the previous high of 1,876.23 on January 3.

Foreign buying continued to push prices higher and the DAX index gained a total of 52.59 points, or 2.8 per cent, to end at a record 1,910.67. It had risen more than 35 points on Thursday. Share traders said foreign buying has

been a driving force since the start of the year as investors flood into the market believing that West Germany's economy will be one of the main beneficiaries of the liberalization of Eastern Europe. ■ Tokyo — Shares closed sharply higher

concerns about interest rates, a limp yen and the approaching general elections in Japan. Index-linked buying once again dominated trade, brokers said.

The 225-share Nikkei index jumped 443.73 points or 1.19 per cent to 37,650.15 after firming 17.47 on Thursday. Turnover was a modest 550 million shares, but still up from 500 million on Thursday. "There's still not much energy in the market, but it's looking healthier," said Mr Akihiro Naimura, head of stock information at Okasan Securities. Rises eclipsed falls by more than eight to five with 590 higher, 438 lower and 185 unchanged.

• Sydney - Australia's share market drifted weaker, pulled down by a sell-off among industrials and mounting confinancial problems, brokers said. The All-Ordinaries index finished 1.6 points down at 1,669.3. The gold sector was one of the few highlights of an otherwise dull day. The gold index put on 22.6 points to 1.924.0.

◆ Hong Kong — Prices of blue chips recovered most of their intra-day losses after active buying in the afternoon. The Hang Seng Index ended only 1.69 points lower at 2,736.55, after plunging more than 40 points in late morning. Turnover rose to HK\$787.14 million from Thursday's HK\$606.82 million.

 Singapore — Share prices rose over a broad front in active early trade on selective buying, brokers said. The 30-share Straits Times industrial index climbed 15.87 points to 1,544.70.

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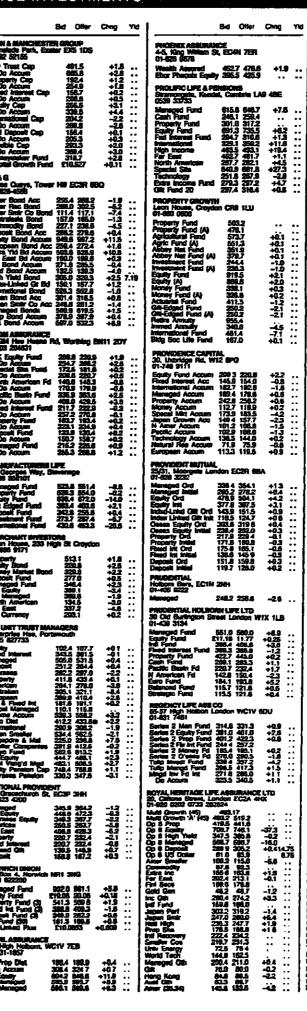
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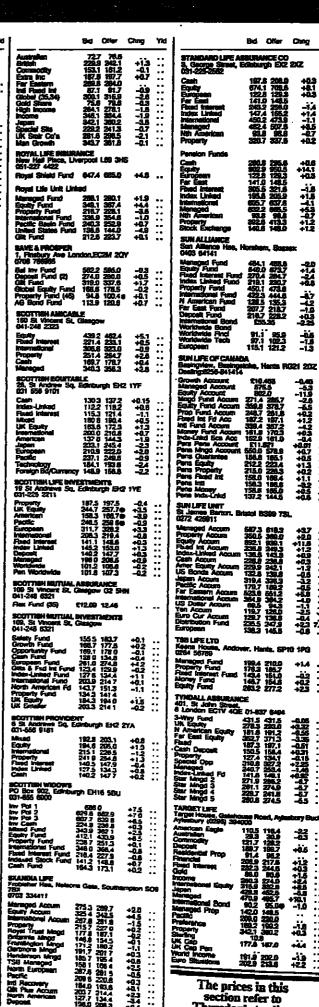
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Some 12,000 people built their own homes in 1988. This year high mortgage rates have increased interest. . p28

SOCIETIES Merger mania

announced they were merging this week and the members of three will

get cash bonuses.



Lindsay Cook reports societies' reaction to independent taxing

Offshore status sought to stem exodus of savers

go-ahead this week to the first building society gross-paid ac-counts designed for the millions of non-taxpayers that will created by the change to

But most societies will not be able to follow the Bradford & Bingley and launch such products before independent taxation is introduced on April 6. As a result they are concerned that money will flow from their accounts to banks and investment sales-men selling offshore funds.

The Building Societies Association has made efforts to reduce the impact of composite rate tax (CRT) on society accounts. The tax is deducted from interest on savings and cannot be reclaimed by non-taxpayers.

The Treasury announced in December that CRT would rise from April 6 to 22 per cent. The Building Societies Association wrote to it asking for the rate to be reduced.

"We wrote expressing the view that the tax should be reduced to take account of the large numbers of married women who will no longer be societies could lose money as a (Douglas). It is writing to tax gross if a lot of money

advising them to consider independent taxation. But they will not be sent the brochure on the gross-paid

eral manager of B & B, said that the society had made it clear in seeking permission to offer the accounts that it did not intend to promote the to decide whether or not to make the leaflet available at branches. Those investors who respond to the independent taxation letter by asking for a meeting will be given details of the accounts.

The Abbey National, which has a subsidiary in Jersey, had to scrap an independent taxation leaflet suggesting that non-taxpayers should use its offshore accounts following The Building Societies offshore accounts following Commission is seeking official intervention last

The Jersey authorities do not want a flood of building society money into the island to take advantage of independent taxation. They prefer to receive large sums from a small number of people. They are also concerned that the cent and 15.2 per cent gross to taxpayers," said an associ- UK residents through its new Inland Revenue does not ation spokesman. "Building company Bradford & Bingley clamp down on their paying

The Britannia Building Society is converting its Isle of Man operation into a formal subsidiary and plans to offer

gross-paid accounts to UK sidents from next month. The Halifax has a branch on Jersey, which could be converted. It also considering offering a cash unit trust with Standard Life. This would account actively. He still has allow investors to claim back any tax deducted from the dividends. The society will publish a leaslet on independent taxation later this month. The Cheltenham &

Gloucester Building Society has started promoting its time deposits on sums over £50,000, which can be paid gross and is looking at offering a cash unit trust in conjunction with Legal & General.

Building societies report an increase in requests to divide joint savings accounts up into two accounts ready for the tax

The Department of National Savings, which pays 11.75 per cent on its Investment Account and 12.5 per cent on Income Bonds, will begin an advertising campaign in April aimed at married women who will benefit from

SIB is anxious that broker

because of their size can be

more flexible in their invest-

ment policy than the managed

funds of insurance companies

Next month the board will be

consulting with the industry on

tative document will be issued.

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still leave tied agent clients out in the cold

SIB rule revision will

leave clients of tied agents such as Garston Amburst which dealt with unauthorized investments - out in the cold, writes Lindsay Cook.

The Securities and Investments Board this week published details of changes to the scheme, which should come into effect on April 1. These will require insurance companies and building societies to pay towards the costs of the scheme but will not protect the clients of tied agents who sell investment products other than those of the company to which they are tied.

"We don't have the power under the Financial Services Act to bring in anyone who is an exempted person," said Mr Roger Purcell, finance director of SIB.

Tied agents are not covered by the scheme but insurancepased investments are subject to the Policyholders' Protection Act as well as the Life Assurance and Unit Trust Regulatory Organization's indemnity scheme when they are selling products of the insurance company to which they are tied.

Garston Amhurst clients, who were invested in National Financial Management Corporation, have no worries but the future looks bleak for Lautro to engage a substantial



Unanthorized: nameplate at Bristol office of Garston Amhurst other investors. If a tied agent number of full-time salaried

fails after selling investments unconnected with the company it represents, the investors have no either from the insurance company or the Investors' Compensation

As recently as three weeks ago investors were putting money into fixed interest deposits with Garston Amhurst. One investor told regulators and the Official Receiver of an £111,000 investment at the beginning of January. Early estimates of the amount of money missing is £1 million to £3 million.

The Institute of Insurance Brokers this week called upon

"Unfortunately, large numbers of appointed representatives up and down the UK are breaking just about every rule in the Financial Services Act," said Mr Andrew Paddick, the institute's director general.

Lautro's reprimand to Property Equity & Life this week revealed the case of a tied agent who had broken a watchdog rule by sharing offices with the tied agent of another insurance company. Lautro said it had come acros tied agents sharing offices with independent advisers, occasionally they were husband and wife.

bonds banned ne-company

which invest in the funds of one insurance or anit trust group, are to be banned by the crities and Investments, Board, writes Lindsay Cook.

In a policy statement published this week the board made it clear that the majority of the £2 billion of existing backer boards are not in the

broker bonds are not in the best interests of their bonds that invest in the funds of a number of companies. This gives clients access to all of the market instead of

restricting them to the funds of

one company. It also reduces

the chance of insurance com-

not to give the managers of broker funds more favourable terms than other investors. At that time the board was considering whether or not the existing 3,500 broker bonds had a role at all. Now it feels ready to sanction open or unfettered funds, which are free to invest in the products of more than one investment se. These account for about a quarter of the market at

Steven Spilsbury of B & B

result and we said it was open

to legal interpretation and

question. The Government

wrote back saying that it was

amendments to the Building

Societies Act to allow societies

to operate overseas subsid-

The Bradford & Bingley Building Society has launched

two accounts paying 13.5 per

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standing by its decision."

With such funds the intermediary can choose from the market at large and select the best funds of the various managers. If they only use the funds of a single institution it might not have a Japanese fund when the broker felt it brokers might transfer client's have to achieve growth of it money into a fund that they per cent or 18 per cent. would not recommend separately from the broker bond.

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Insurance companies and mit trust groups will be expected to be accountable investors pay than those who ultimately to investors for claims arising out of the negligent or fraudulent management of their funds.

Investors must be informed of the risk strategy being employed and given compari as so that they can tell how broker is performing. They will be encouraged to publish their performance records through agencies such as Micropal.

Clients should be be told what effect the charges will have so that, for example, they will know that to give the same return as a high interest

LEV share demand

uidators that they will have to pay £55,000 before they can and unit trust groups. It has accepted representations from brokers that such funds retrieve their share certificates, writes Lindsay Cook.

The liquidator, Coopers & tors at a meeting on Wednesday, that it would be Court that those shareholders whose ownership was not in dispute should be given their would get nothing.

held by LEV investment & Ives, whose £10,000 Management when it went shareholding is now worth into liquidation in 1988, were about £4,000 faces paying told this week by the liq- more than £1,000 for his

Investors were told by Mr Timothy Harris of Coopers Deloitte that the first group of shareholders would get their Lybrand Deloitte, told inves- certificates if they paid a proportion of the costs; a number would have their shares pooled and get part of their value; and people whose shares seemed non-existent

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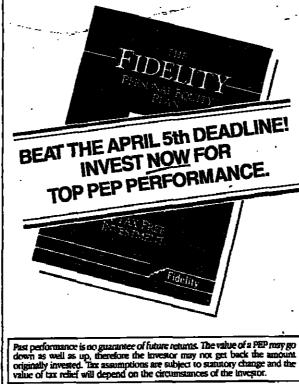
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UK vetting fails to stop trickster banking scams

in Britain not least because they have a bricks-and-mortar presence on almost every high

The mere word "bank" is protected by law. It cannot be used in the title of a company without the approval of the Bank of England. A foreign bank should not be able to open a branch in this country without seeking permission

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Units are available from 19th February. To register None of this deters tricksters from opening phoney banks in London. If anything, BROCHURE AND VHS VIDEO, FILL IN THE COUPON OR CALL it attracts the fraudulent, since their victims will see a OUR CUSTOMER CARE DEPARTMENT ON 01-382 3800. ALTER-London address and trust them by assuming they have vetted by the Bank of

> First Reserve Bank carried on its business for several months from an address in London's West End, an address which it described as being its United Kingdom Liaison Office.

It offered, according to the bank's advertisements in Time magazine, "one of the highest interest rates in the world" and promised "no taxes whatsoever".

First Reserve Bank was registered in the Caribbean island of Montserrat where, according to the bank's lit-



erature, the same rules apply as are imposed on British banks. "Montserrat banks are

In fact the London address is a well-known accommodation address. The Montserrat bank was operating illegally in Britain. Cheques received were simply forwarded to an address in Italy, for collection by the man behind the bank, ter Joseph Fabiano, or Dr Fabian as he called himself in

It is not known how much money was lost to Dr Fabian before he was scared off by investigators from the Bank of England.

At least First Reserve Bank did hold a banking licence, however valueless it turned out to be. The same cannot be said of American Business Bank, which has been operating in London for over a year.

completely without authority and in breach of the law.

American Business Bank, as sound as the Bank of according to its professionally England," boasted First produced brochure, is part of American Business Securities Limited, registered in the British Virgin Islands. Until recently it operated from a rented office at 19 Stratford Place, a stone's throw from Bond Street in London's West

> The building is run by British Telecom and provides office space, together with telephone, fax, telex and other services. The bank left Stratford Place about three months ago. Since then it has kept a low profile but the people behind it are now using a private address in Mount Street which is off London's

Enquiries by The Times have shown that American Business Bank is not simply operating illegally in the

United Kingdom. The fact is that the bank does not even exist. Mr Glenroy Forbes, an official of the Virgin Islands banking authority said: Under our Banking Act, we

have issued no licence to any

bank by the name of American

Business Bank. However,

there is a company by the

name of American Business Securities Limited.* The company proved to be registered at the offices of a where nobody was prepared to comment on its unauthorized

The Times has identified a Mrs Baranowski as operating American Business Bank's London office and distributing its brochures, which offer interest rates of up to 25 per cent. In 1986 Mrs Baranowski was involved in operating a Belfunda, which was based in

Licensed to commit fraud

20w-you-don't "Jerry Jerome

Working through his WFI Corporation of Beverley Hills, California, Mr Schneider perrades the banking author Montserrat, Vanuatu and Nauru to issue him with licences which he then sells to anyone

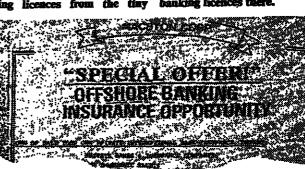
down on Montserrat, Mr Schneider was advertising for sale licences for 12 b granted permits by the island's government. The banks had no physical presence on Monterrat. They were files in a local lawyer's office that had helped Mr Schneider obtain including one for First Reserve Bank, which operated illegally

each, though Mr Schneider at one point had a sale, offering licences for \$19,500 mited period only"!

vestigators Mr Schneider is currently very active in obtainbank regulator com "Secrecy laws there are so strict that they won't even tell

nking licences is believed to a post office box number in Gibraltar. In fact, he is based Dordrecht from where he has recently offered licences for oks in Nauru er Mout surance companies come even cheaper - a fully authorized Nauru or British Virgin Is-lands business can be had from Dr Amassis for \$5.000.

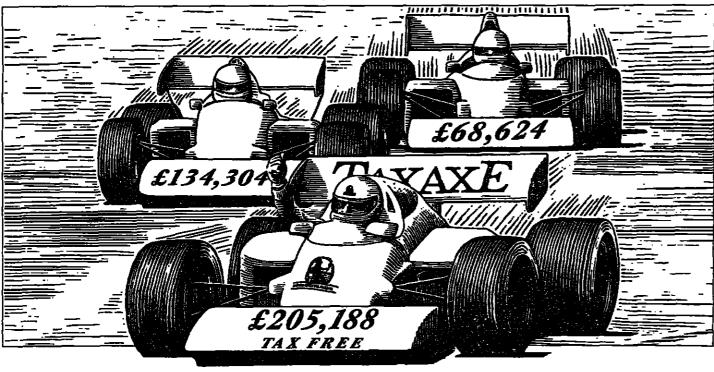
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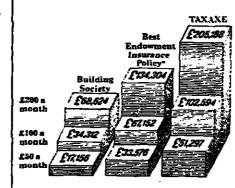
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Health insurance tax changes for over-60s

have medical insurance will have to register for the benefit and in some cases change to a new style policy before April 6 if they are to get the the tax relief on premiums which will be introduced in the new financial year. A leaflet explaining how tax

relief will be given on private medical insurance premiums for the over-60s was published nd Revenue thi week to guide existing policyholders and those contemplating taking out cover. It points out that not all

private medical insurance schemes are eligible for tax relief. To qualify a policy or contract should only cover those over 60 and the spouses of people over this age.

Policies which provide cover for cash benefits above £5 a night; dental treatment in a general dental practice; eye tests not carried out in a cosmetic reasons; and alter- or who claims tax relief must



Employers with employees

over 60 in their group schemes will not qualify for relief on these. But tax relief will be available for people over 60 paying premiums for themselves and for relatives or friends above 60. In the case of a married couple only one of them needs to be over 60. hospital; plastic surgery for Anyone covered by the policy

with family contracts will have to change their policy if they are to get tax relief. Premiums on qualifying policies will be paid net of the tax relief in the same way morteage interest relief. This means that non-taxpayers will also automatically get the tax relief. Higher rate tax payers will have to claim the additional 15 per cent relief at the and of the tax year by produc ing a certificate showing the

live in Britain.. Policyholders

BUPA, the leading health schemes so that policy holders over 60 can qualify for tax relief. Other insurers are launching policies specifically for older people.

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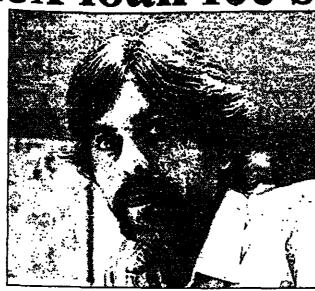
Victim goes broke from complex loan fee swindle

Mr Andre Sardinha is a record company executive from Essex who wanted to borrow £200,000 but ended up over \$30,000 (£18,000) poorer.

His company, Cockpit Records Ltd, put together a business plan to include the purchase of premises in Suffolk. Two top class producers were signed and EMI agreed to distribute his records. All he needed was capital.

Through various intermediaries Mr Sardinha was introduced to United Bank International (WI) Ltd, based on the island of Anguilla in the West Indies. Initially he only asked for £200,000, but UBI announced they would back him to the tune of \$3 million in the form of a letter of credit with interest at 10 per cent

The cost was an up-front \$30,000 "commitment fee" plus a further £5,000 payable to UBFs man in London. The \$30,000 was transferred to Barclays Bank in the Dutch Antilles, where UBI has its bank accounts, but the \$3



Poorer: Andre Sardinha lost £18,000 to an Anguillau bank

of other victims of the ploy. "It is a scam," he said.
"Investment projects are promised funds by United Bank but they are not forth"It is a scam," he said.
was a fee of \$30,000. And paying out \$30,000 to get \$3 million is good business.
"I have lost my house. I am London told me 100 per cent

only requirement it needed

coming. The bank's man in broke because of this affair. I definitely that UBI had bank chairman and spoke to hoping to find an institution which will back me.

THE TIMES SATURDAY FEBRUARY 3 1990

The chairman of United Bank International is a US citizen. Mr Mike de Bella, who lives in Florida. Attempts to contact him this week were unsuccessful. Mr de Bella is well known to the authorities in the USA and the Caribbean.

An investigator said: "He purports to have access to funding for venture capital projects. He asks for, say, \$2,000 to consider a project. If you ask for \$10 million, he will offer \$15 million. The victim thinks he can pocket

"Then he will delay, produce a draft letter of credit, ask for another fee, say 1 per cent, and then give you a letter of credit which nobody will honour. If you sue, he will point out he has bonoured the deal by giving you a letter of credit will honour it."

Officials on Anguilla, where UBI is licensed, say that complaints have been refunded things before in this him on the telephone, but I got ceived about the bank are country and overseas. The nowhere. I still have my they are being investigated.

International pressure forces Montserrat to clean up its act

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With just 12,000 residents, the island boasted well over 300 authorized banks which was more than one bank for every 40 people. Mainstream banks around the world quickly realized that the only Montserrat banks to be trusted were those which were offshoots of established banks elsewhere. Ordinary people had no access to such informatioz though.

Montserrat is still a British colony with a governor ap-pointed from London, though The officer in charge of the serrat, though they were only possible because of the case with which banking licences could be obtain

leave the island," he said. "All are being, or will be,

"I have arrested the exattorney general of Mont-serrat, Mr John Stanley Weeks, who was very prom-inent in local politics. He has been charged with forgery and

Largely as a result of the Scotland Yard team's work, the number of valid Montserrat banking licences has been whittled down to about 110 and 60 of those are about to be cancelled. Control of offshere financial services has ish missionary working in on the certificate.

topher Turner, the British governor, despite the oppo-sition of some local politicians.

Among the Montserrat-liensed banks to have attracted the attention of the authorities have been the Bank of Trade & Commerce, the Commonwealth Overseas Bank and the Union Bank of Commerce. merce, headed by Canadian Mr Abe Janz, offered five-year certificates of deposit. It boasted a capital of \$300,000, but enquiries reveal that only \$2 of this was ever paid into

Bank also enjoyed links in Canada. Originally registered by WFI Corporation, the Californian vendors of banking licences, it was sold to a Mr Michael Mercado, who used it to market certificates of

government control and placed \$15,000 after Mr Mercado in the hands of Mr Chrispersonally assured him the months ago the bank let its licence lapse and it was struck off. The missionary has no

way of recovering his money. The Vancouver address on is the office of local lawyer, Mr W Carey Linde. Mr Linde was tawa that he had no authority to offer banking services.

Union Bank of Commerce is there is life after death. Attempts have been made in Europe to obtain a \$4 million loan against the security of a \$5 million certificate of de-posit issued by the bank, which is yet another creation

of Mr Jerry Schneider's. Sadly, UBC (paid-up capital \$2) was struck off by the Montserrat authorities six deposit. One customer, a Brit- weeks before the date shown

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Taking a small man for a long ride

Hints on future strategy of-fered to investment trusts by one of their leading allies this week are significant for small investors, who will be called on to foot the bill.

In a reversal of some of the trusts' most used marketing arguments, S G Warburg Secunities suggests a concentrated campaign to sell through solicas brokers, with the trusts following Ivory & Sime's lead in paying up-front commis-sion out of investors' pockets.

hard to square with the invest-ment trusts' past decision at the front-end charges of their rivals, the unit trusts, but not "No front-end load was a classic marketing thing, but "Financial intermediaries have the ear of the

the private punter into the with the potential to release In its annual study of the them from the 70 per cent investment trusts published



investment departments are for ever interfering with the private punter and we think they should be incentivised because that is the way to get you have to do for them is lay on a bit of booze and a few

recommending investment investment trust is a better product, we must have a clear conscience if the client is

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to acquire it," says the report. It adds that the front-end load

than on competitive products. This gives the investment trusts implicit encouragement to head towards the 5 per cent up-front fee (3 per cent to intermediaries) and 1 to 1.5

policy is Warburg's suggestion private individuals, not the ordinary man in the street

"Change or die," said Ms Lesley Renvoize of the Association of Investment Trust Companies in reaction to ments was a problem to be

intended for wealthier investors, pointing to a 19th century prospectus for the first Foreign & Colonial trust, which mentions the man of

Korwin-Szymanowski warned over the odds for investr from trust specialists, who have spent years explaining how it was that nobody was prepared to pay the full price

Unlike unit trusts, priced by formula exactly in line with the value of the shares they hold, investment trusts are themselves quoted companies and priced by what investors are willing to pay — on average However trusts specializing in difficult Far Eastern or

European markets have recently traded at substantial premiums to the value of their holdings. Ms Renvoize said paying a premium of above 5 own money", said Mr Kor-

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Investor clubs as a way of learning to play stock markets



Enquiries are flowing into the Stock Exchange's Investors' Club at the rate of 75 a week these days against just two or three a year ago, writes Borbara Ellis.

Spurred on by water share profits, investors are wanting to find out more about the stockmarket. The Investors' Club was established with classic mistiming in June 1987, almost at the peak of a bull market. It signed up about 1,600 to 1,700 members in its first three months just in time

for the October crash.
"People really didn't want to know anything about the Stock Exchange after that It just died," said a spokeswoman, recalling that the club soon lost over half its members, though about 100 of the drop-outs had recently been in touch again.
For their £15 annual

subscription, Investors' Club

members receive a quarterly magazine, The Stock Market, plus information leaflets and invitations to seminars and investment weekends. The club has used brokers as speakers at its seminars and weekends, but has no information on how much business they drummed up as a result "We don't ask our brokers that question," said the spokeswoman, "We say when you are doing your talks you must represent the Stock Exchange, but they are perfectly free to talk to people after-

our brokers have met clients through the events." She stressed that the club did not give advice on particu-lar investments: "We don't give tips. That is down to our brokers. We tell investors how to do it, but not what to buy.

We always make it clear at the end of the day the choice is personal and should be discussed with a broker. The next weekend invest-

wards. I do know that some of

ment event on the club calendar is scheduled for March 16 to 18 in Brighouse, Yorkshire, and has been named the "Last of the Summer Wine Weekend" in honour of the TV series filmed in the area. Priced at £150 for singles. £250 for two people sharing a room or just £75 for investment content only, the programme is heavy on local colour. It includes a talk on

alternative investment by painter Ashley Jackson who lives in Brighouse, and a visit to Harry Ramsden's in nearby Guisely for a presentation over a meal of fish and chips on how and why the company

went public. Mr Tony Elder of NIG's Hull office, said there would be no heavy sell from NIG during the weekend: "It is very much up to people if they want to approach us. We would love that but we are not going out through the course of the weekend to convert them into our clients. I don't think the Stock Exchange would be happy.'

The National Association of Investment Clubs in Liverpool has recorded no real movement in the number of its affiliates over the past year either. It has 1,500 clubs, each of which brings together no more than 20 people interested in pooling their money to invest as a group.

The National Association is

run by its secretary, accountants Chadwick & Co, Tower Building, Water Street, Liverpool L3 1PQ. Tel 051-236 6262. The firm sends out a starter manual costing £7.50. including postage.

There is no connection

between the clubs belonging to the National Association and the Stock Exchange Investors Club, Mr Elder said bur his firm deals for several investment clubs, mostly made up of young office workers.

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Storm warning at Lloyd's

Storm damage is the latest catastrophe to hit Lloyd's of London. About 4,000 mem-ward off the threat of "the big resigned in the last two years it would seal Lloyd's fate once and more are likely to follow and for all. This would also in the wake of a surge in claims and growing comclaims and growing com-petition from the large insurance companies.

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The issue is one of concern to the underwriters and brofrom shipping and aviation to need is the reserves and cars and home contents. It is affects the 28,000 Names who put up the money which allows Lloyd's to exist. But still newcomers are attracted by the cachet of membership

and hoped-for profits. The Names have to lodge at numbers as a "necessary least £250,000 each in cash or shake-out" rather than a loss. assets to be eligible for membership. They can spread their investment over several syndicates or group them under one roof. But if things go wrong, they face unlimited liability.

Mr Shaun Parsons is one of dicate going wrong. a handful of Names lucky enough to have made a profit ear after year. After becoming a member in 1976, he gradually increased his investment to 20 syndicates, and so far has not made a loss.

Mr Parsons, a group finance director, said: "I am what you would call a satisfied customer. This is a high-risk trading venture as you accept unlimited personal liability. But if all goes well, you can make your money work twice, investing it elsewhere and taking a profit."

Mr Parsons reckons that Mr Parsons reckons that writers, working from "boxes" in the building. choosing the right managing agent to act for you.

of things that can go wrong within a syndicate. It took me complex web of reinsurance. three years to find a members' agent I considered suitable."

These days, even finding the best managing agent may no longer be enough. Lloyd's is realing from an unprecedented run of disasters, from earthquakes to explosions. It is still counting the cost of the

The Council of Lloyd's,

bers known as "Names" have one" - a disaster so costly that "disaster reserves" are already

in place. Mr Murray Lawrence, the chairman, said: "We accept kers who cross paths each day, the fact that we are going to placing risks on everything have catastrophes. What we

> The number of resignations in the last two years have led some observers to wonder whether Lloyd's will survive. Mr Lawrence sees the fall in

He added: "What we have is fewer Names writing the same amount of business. It's a matter of bigger, strong Names with a better spread of syndicates, making them less susceptible to any one syn-

He also accused the Government of taking Lloyd's for granted, even though it accounts for as much as 50 per cent of Britain's invisible earnings.

Meanwhile, far below the Council chambers, brokers and underwriters get on with the business in hand. The chain of events which lead to Lloyd's often begins when a local insurance broker decides he cannot take on a certain risk. He will approach a Lloyd's broker, who in turn puts it to various under-

One risk may be divided between Lloyd's and any He said: "There are all sorts number of the world's leading

In this way, home contents insurance and motor policies and exotic - insuring a satellite in space, perhaps, or putting a value on a wine tasters' palate. What the brokers of 1690, who began Lloyd's in local coffee houses, Piper Alpha tragedy and the would make of it all is



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Evolution of the 'money-back' bond continues

back whether markets

urp falls on world tockmarkets have taken some of the shine off last year's star

The latest batch includes Albany International's Secure ndexBeater III, a new version of Midas, from Johnson Fry, and Capital Guarantee Bond, from Scottish Provident.

Legal & General has app-fied the same idea to its pensions and unit trasts, but has not launched a separate

in one of the world's stock-markets and invest in highyielding stock to cover the risk They should give investors a

high return if all goes well and protect all, or most, of the oney if the markets crash. Secure IndexBeater III is again backing a rise in Japan's Nikkei index. It hopes to guarantee a return of between 130 per cent and 140 per cent on any rise in the index, after the 6 per cent management fee, while returning 95 per cent of

from 800 investors when launched last July as the Nikkei touched 34,090 points.

The first Secure Index-Beater took in £6.25 million

37,000. Mr Rodney Churchill, Al

Two new versions of Midas, giving a choice of the American or Japanese markets, will be launched on Monday. Midas 90 will protect 90 per co of any investment, with the upside, with 100 per cent pro-tection. Last year, Midas attracted a meagre £12.5 million from investors. However, Mr Michael Fletcher, Johnson Fry's marketing director, says they still have a role to play in

FT-SE 100 index and guarthan one. The Capital Guar-antee Bond uses a unit-linked fund investing in British blue-

IndexBeater II, in October, attracted more than £18 million from 2,300 investors. By

bany Life's broker-directo said investors were still ahead ity may have frightened many investors off, but they have the security of the 95 per cent

nce of better returns, while Mides 100 promises less of an a core investment portfo

Scottish Provident chose the antees at least 100 per cent back over three years, rather chip stecks.

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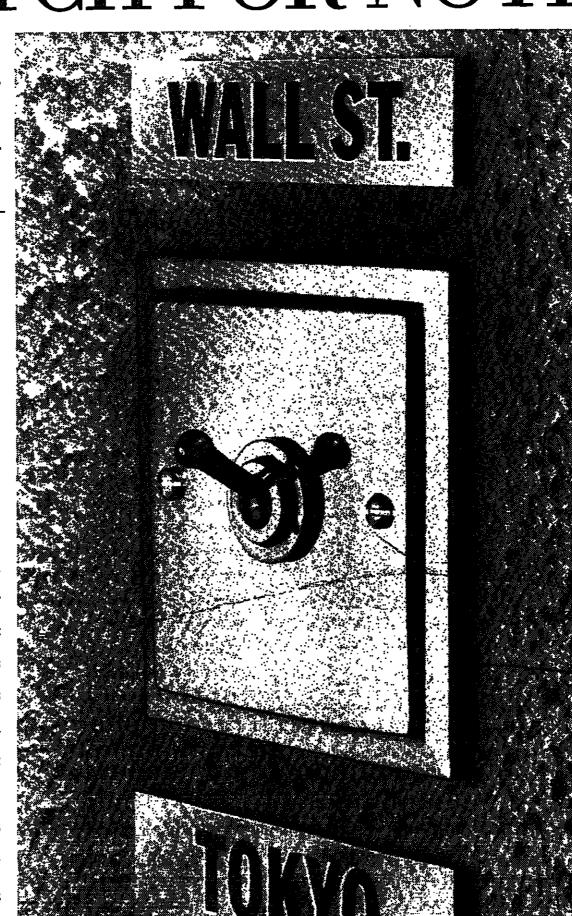
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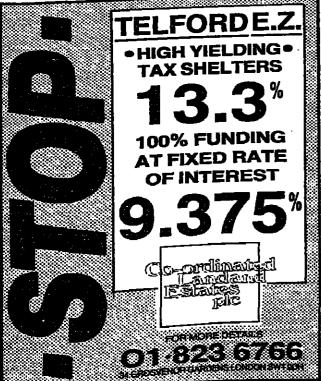
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surpassed last year. Mr Fez Labady, marketing services manager at the Birmingham Midshires Build-

> Most are from people who He foresees a further increase in self-build starts for several reasons: more plots with services already laid on will be available because of

down property. Abbey National announced its self-build

FAMILY MONEY

Putting your own house in order can be a money-saver says Rodney Hobson

Building up to a personal best

While high mortgage rates strangle the housing market, buyers are turning increasingly to building their own dream homes.

From an estimated 2,000 self-build starts a year in the 1960s and 70s, about 12,000 homes were built at weekends and during the evenings by the owners in 1988. With building societies introducing mortgages designed for self-build-

ing Society which launched a self-build mortgage scheme last August, says: "Since ting 40 or 50 inquiries a day. have been sitting on a plot of land for some time."

lack of interest from developers; builders will be selling off plots; and sub-contractors will be easier to get hold of. National & Provincial also introduced a self-build mortgage last year alongside a renovation mortgage for those buying and restoring run-

scheme this month. Typically, borrowers can obtain up to 100 per cent of the value of the property they are building. The cash is released in stages, with an inspection at each stage: buy-ing the land; building to damp-course; completion of the walls; roofing; plastering;



Dave and Linda Wilson: Roughing it in a caravan with their four children while builders make their

allow interest on the self-build loans to roll up for a maximum of 12 months while borrowers continue to pay the mortgage on their existing

However, it charges 2 per cent extra interest on the selfbuild advance in the meantime and will expect some cash from the sale of the old home to be paid off the selfbuild mortgage.

Insurance will be needed to cover liability for injury to workers or members of the public on the site. On the plus

mortgages will be able to claim double mortgage tax relief for up to 12 months. They can

National & Provincial and Birmingham Midshires estimate self-building can reduce the cost of a new home by 30 to 40 per cent compared with prices charged by major developers.

But Mr Labady issues the warning: "Self-build is about not jumping in head first. It is about planning, researching and management skills. The

Making

hay in an

old barn

Ruth and Jeff Llandeg live in a

galow in the Cornish town of

fruro. But the couple have

put their two-year-old home

on the market and have bought a derelict farm build-

ng on three-quarters of an acre at St Allen, six miles from

With a National & Provin-

cial renovation mortgage they

are making the barn inhabit-

ers to building. They worked with a self-build group of 12

on their present home. Mr Llandeg is a plasterer and does

The mortgage helped with the £65,000 purchase of the barn and land and more will

be advanced in stages toward a

total cost that could run to

£125,000. A new roof is nearly

in place and at that point the

building society will send

round an inspector to assess

the value of work so far.

work started in November.

living rooms upstairs to take

advantage of the views.

general building work.

Caravan family

Dave and Linda Wilson had the sort of luck that thousands can only dream of — they put their house on the market and sold it straight away.

That was the one aspect of building their own home that has not gone to schedule.

With the North-east suffering as much as anywhere from the economic downturn, the Wilsons had expected difficulty in finding a buyer for their Gateshead home. So, when an offer materialized, not daring to miss a deal, they sold and moved out.

Now the couple and their four sons live in a large caravan on their building plot on the outskirts of Gates "We had intended to take

building as quickly as pos-sible," Mr Wilson said. "We scraped out the building area just before Christmas. With the mild winter, we have got the foundations

work completed." The Llandegs are no strang-

their architect, have set a budget of £50,000 for bu wait until the shell is completed before deciding what to and on fixtures and fittings. The National & Provincial building society provided fi-

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The Wilsons, guided

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The site is one of 13 that the

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Timber-framed kit turns into a home

Gordon and Brenda Taylor mortgage with the Birming-have just taken possession of ham Midshires Building Socihave just taken possession of their three-bedroom home in Southport. It took them 21 months from applying for outline planning permission

to moving in. The Taylors were living in a Buying a barn brought special problems. Planning perlarge Victorian property. They decided to provide access at mission existed but the Liandegs had to go back to the the rear and to split the land in two - but planning percouncil to amend the plans. The process began in July and

mission was to be a problem. "The local council's policy was not to allow backland Renovations had to retain development," said Mr Taythe character of the building. Slates had to be the same type for. That was in April 1988. as the originals; windows the By the time the Department of Environment overruled the same size. The bedrooms will

be on the ground floor and the council almost a year had been

ety and initially sought a bridging loan to finance the construction of a new home. But by then it was mid-1989 and self-build mortgages were just being introduced

Payments made in stages meant they could pay and save money by paying in cash as they went alone

They paid £30,000 for a timber-framed construction kit for a three-bathroom house: construction brought the cost up to £70,000; and the already owned, was about £50,000.

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Bonus time as building societies amalgamate

Lindsay Cook notes the trend of offering

windfall gains to members of small

societies to win their votes in takeovers

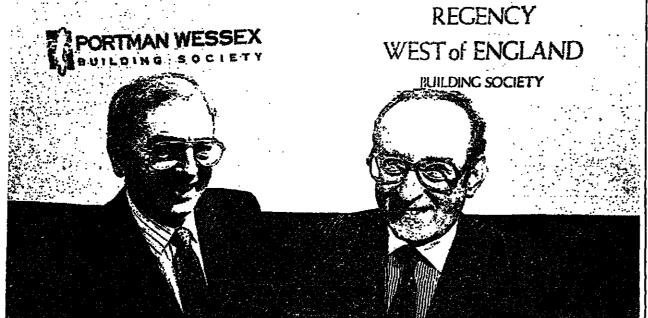
The bonuses to be paid out to members of three building societies, if two mergers anmiced this week go ahead. will sharpen the appetite of building society investors for windfall gains as the number of mergers accelerates.

Such payouts were first proposed by the Cheltenham Gloucester Building Society for the members of the Guardian Building Society last year in order to win the votes of members following the dis-bursement of 100 free shares to all members of the Abbey

The 430,000 savers of the Regency & West of England and Portman Wessex societies are to receive a four per cent bonus, after tax, up to a £100 limit per account. The bonus will be paid in October if December 31 if the merger is members vote in favour in agreed by members in May. April and the Building Societies Commission sanctions the merger.

Borrowers will have a 1 per cent reduction on their mort- nothing. gage payments for three months up to a maximum of £100. In all, the societies will pay out £21.5 million and members will receive £17.5 million after tax.

Investors with the Frome



Mood to merge: Gerry Aiken (left) Portman Wessex general manager, soon to join Ken Culley's Regency & West of England

However, investors and borrowers with the Stroud and Swindon, which is taking the Frome over, will receive

"The bonus is intended to equalize the reserves of the two societies,"explained Mr Richard Payne, the chief executive of the Stroud and Swin-

The 42,000 borrowers from

cent compared with the Portman Wessex rate of 14.5 per cent.

'These will be brought into line," says the Regency's chief executive, Mr KenCulley, who will hold the same position with the new society, which will be called the Portman. The societies will have to

decide which insurance company they are to be tied to and which cash dispenser network Selwood are to receive two per the Regency should also bene- tied to Legal & General and fit from the merger in the long was the first building society

borrowers will have a 0.5 per term. They are currently pay-cent reduction from July 1 to ing a basic rate of 14.75 per cash dispenser network. The Portman Wessex is tied to than 100. Scottish Life and in the Link and Matrix dispenser net-

> The Regency and West of England Building Society is already the result of mergers of eight societies - the last one taking place in May 1989. The Portman Wessex is just two societies and was formed on July 31 1989.

> These mergers show the pace with which smaller socibeginning of the century there

The new Portman will be 14th in size and one of the largest regional societies. It is expected many more mergers months among smaller soci-

National Counties has the highest reserve ratio at more than 20 per cent but the Mansfield at 13.7 per cent and Pennith at 10 per cent could eties are amalgamating. At the provide healthy bonuses if



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Valentines daze as cards inflation hits infatuation

month when Christie's auc-tions Valentine cards which are expected to fetch from £20 to £160 apiece.

A total of 65 lots of one to 150 bygone cards will go under ा राज राज on February 8. At a similar ್ ಆ: ಜ್ರಾಪ್ತ: of the material offered was sold and the proceeds totalled 🎋 🖂 : 😑 jest under £66,000.

Prices for old Valentines have yet to rival those comrel-encrusted card bestowed on Maria Callas by Aristotle sis was a rare exception - £180,000 when new — but there are signs of inflation.

Sothebys, which included tines in a December sale, said values were in the range £400 to £600 per card. The majority reaching the market, however, are still affordable by amateur buyers keen to start collecting - as well as by 19th century, which saw a



Valentines in this keepsake tures silken hearts, paper lace borders that copy fabric lace in every intricate detail, pressed flowers, gilding, silvering and embossing. Amassed from various existing collections

disposal, depicts the less high-minded side of "Victorian values" in its portrayal of a caricature fat lady astride a lonkey and a caption ending: We ... never yet did view so lorious an ass.

A further notable category omprises "dressed" Valentines featuring fabric colages of children.

One delightful survivor ing-suited gent who can be de to enter a beach tent and emerge with a young pin-up. Having survived a 1941 ban by the Minister of Supply,

Lord Beaverbrook - his economy edict was swiftly over-turned by Mr Harold Mac-Millan - love cards are now into their heyday; over 20 million are sent annually.

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Gillian Bowditch looks at what is in store on the shopping front

Sears salutes the 1990s with a smile

The Eighties spending boom is over and will make

way for the growth of specialist niche stores

which will change the nature of the high street,

according to Mr Geoffrey Maitland Smith, of Sears

Mr Geoffrey Maitland Smith, new specialist shops sourcing chairman of Sears, Britain's third largest stores group, is one of the few retailers pleased to see the end of the consumer boom of the mid-1980s, which saw the creation of a host of

new shops on the high street. "When you get that sort of boom, it ultimately means bust. I am not looking forward to it happening again," he

But Mr Maitland Smith believes retailers have learnt a lesson from the insanity of the Eighties shopping environ-ment, albeit a hard one.

Shopping this decade will be about service and value for money, says Mr Maitland Smith. "We teach our sales staff to smile and know the product." While some retailers will find it extremely difficult to survive, others will find opportunites.

He predicts the arrival of

Remodelling Next: David Jones may sell Grattan business

exclusively in one country shops which do not attempt to cater for everyone, but know their market.

Shoppers in the 1990s will also be less free with their spending and will think more about value for money, according to Mr Maitland Smith, who confesses to being bewildered by the British

He said: "Bottled water is more expensive per litre than petrol. But people walk out of Selfridges quite happily with boxes full of bottled water and yet complain bitterly about the price of petrol."

The Sears empire, which includes Selfridges, Miss Selfridge, Wallis and Dolcis, has suffered with the rest of the British retail sector. Pretax profits of £273 million in 1988 are expected to fall to £205 million when the 1989

> million in cash a year ago. One business Sears has been interested in for quite some time is Grattan, the mail order business which is part of Next. Mr David Jones, who has confirmed the stake Sears has taken in his business, built up Grattan and is now reshaping Analysts speculate that he

Phillips & Drew, the broker,

million, although others are

But unlike other retailers,

Sears is sound and stable

enough to withstand the downturn and there will be

none of the enforced sell-offs

which have characterized other retailers with huge debts

in recent months.
Indeed, Mr Maitland Smith

has his eyes firmly on the

future. The revelation that

Sears has built up small stakes

in a number of retailers, including a 1.35 per cent stake

in Next, indicates that the group is still on the lookout for

Sears' borrowings are low; it

has a gearing ratio of about 10

per cent and has not made an

acquisition since it sold Wil-

liam Hill, the betting chain, to Grand Metropolitan for £331

opportunities in the 1990s.

may be prepared to sell Grattan to concentrate on the Next retail chain. Next has debts of about £150 million, and if it could achieve a price of £250 million or more for Grattan, the retail side of the business would be greatly strengthened. For Sears, the merger of

Grattan with Freemans, its own mail order business, would make great sense. The savings which could be achieved if Freemans turnover was combined with Grattan's warehousing would be enormous. Next has just spent £45 million on a new warehouse which has some of the most advanced systems in

executive of Sears, came from



Glad to see the back of the Eighties boom: Geoffrey Maitland Smith is looking forward to a decade of quality and service

Grattan and knows the business well. He and Mr Jones have much respect for each other. A Grattan-Freemans merger would be a deal the City would like almost as much as Sears.

Sears bought Freemans for £477 million two years ago after a hostile bid. At the time, the price paid was described as "spot on" and Sears certainly could not have acquired the business for less. But Mr Maitland Smith says that, in retrospect, that price may look expensive.

Freemans is running "specialogues" for some of Sears' stores, including Miss Selfridge, Selfridges department store.

Mr Maitland Smith said: not be drawn further. Nothing seems imminent. growth in fashion and department stores selling shoes.

"Freemans has the highest sales per agent of any catalogue group in the country. It is the third largest and is improving all the time. Likefor-like sales are comfortably up on the previous year." He also agrees that Freemans is an area in which he is keen to

Sears would be unlikely to make another hostile bid. Mr Maitland Smith says of the Freemans experience that staff tend to become demoralized and it takes time to integrate a hostile acquisition. But he does believe opportunities exist in British retailing.

We are looking at a couple of things," he said, but would

Mr Maitland Smith and Mr Michael Pickard, the group's chief executive, have had their hands full in recent months reshaping the British Shoe Corporation, one of the largest parts of Sears' empire.

The whole division, which includes Saxone, Manfield, Dolcis, Freeman Hardy Willis and Bertie, has been reorganized and 200 shops are to be

There are many who think the reorganization is long overdue. Mr Maitland Smith says it has taken almost four months to work out the strategy. The reorganization has come about because of the

Sears has 800 concessions for its shoes in non-shoe shops such as Top Shop, Dorothy Perkins, Miss Selfridge and Debenhams. Selfridges department store also has a large shoe department and the growth in out-of-town retail centres where Sears runs Shoe City have all taken trade away from the traditional high street shoe shops.

Mr Maitland Smith says he believe there will be further rationalization of shoe shops in the high street and believes appear over the next few years, but he adds that many

shops where the proprietors own the freehold to their shop. He said: "People who own their shops have seen them shoot up in value over the last 10 years. Some will decide to sell up and retire.'

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Sears has decided to reorganize its shoe division into four groups, each run by a single managing director reporting to Mr Chris Marsland, the managing director of British ?

Freeman Hardy Willis, Trueform, Shoe City, Curtuss and Shoe Express will form the family budget division, where the average price for a pair of shoes will be £11, There will be three formats targeting the 15 to 30 age group: Freeman Hardy Willis in prime sites, Shoe Express in secondary locations, and Shoe City out of town.

Saxone and Manfield will be merged under the Saxone name and will serve the quality middle market, selling shoes at an average price of

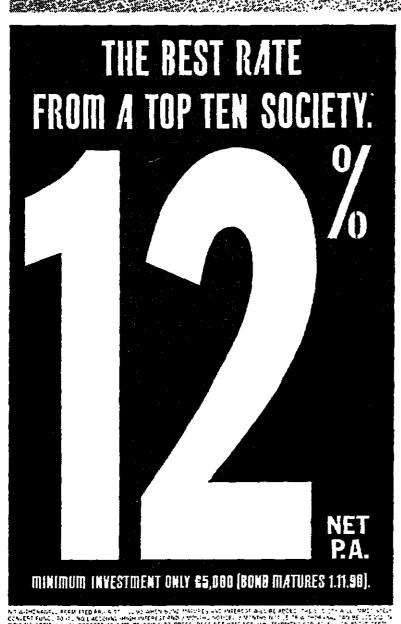
The fashion division will include Bertie, Dolcis and Cable & Co and will target the 16 to 25 age group. All three names will be kept and the average shoe price will range from £20 at Dolcis to about £50 at Cable.

A new chain of shops aimed at 40 year olds and above will be formed using the Manfield name. There will be 30 shops and the average shoe price will be £30. The Manfield management will also be responsible for the group's 850 in-store

The parts of the Sears empire which he finds particularly exciting are Olympus, the f sportswear group, and Adams, the childrens shops. Olympus, which has more than 100 shops and 20 concessions, and Adams, which has 200 shops, are growing rapidly. At the 4 half year stage, these businesses, with Miss Selfridge, were showing like-for-like sales growth of more than 10

Expansion into Europe is another possibility for Sears. It is selling shoes in Holland and West Germany, and Mr Maitland Smith is under no illusions about 1992. "If we do

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After trudging 2,000 miles through Antarctic wastes to the Pole, they were refused even a hot shower

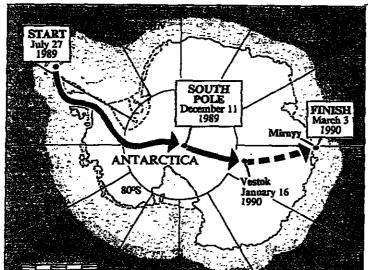


By Alan Franks

ix men of the 1990 International Trans-Antarctica Expedition are locked into a grim battle with the elements on the final leg of their bid to become the first across the 4,000-mile wasteland by dog sled. They are now deep into the heavily crevassed terrain between the remote Soviet bases at Vostok and Mirnyy on the Davis Sea, the finishing post of a seven-month odyssey in which the men and their 30 dogs are covering the distance of a marathon each day.

The £4 million mission, supported by more than 100 private companies, was organized as an exercise in international co-operation, and to draw attention to the resources and vulnerability of the icebound continent. It has nearly been called off at various stages along the way because of injury, accident, and weather conditions so bad that the team has often spent two hours a day digging its huskies and sleds from the snow.

In the early stages, as the men forged inland from the peninsula, they spent 13 days trapped in their tents as a two-month storm



brought freezing, 100mph winds. During the journey, they have maintained contact with the outside world through a small device which transmits brief messages via satellite to the expedition's American and European headquarters in Minnesota and Paris. "Urgent please," they signalled from the so-called Area of Inacces-

sibility, west of the Soviet base. "Need location to find Vostok." When they found the base, they received an ecstatic reception from the Soviet staff who live there throughout the year and who made their arrival an excuse for a lavish party. It was a welcome contrast to the team's arrival at the South Pole in mid-December.

There, the Americans, adhering strictly to the rules, offered the travellers a coffee but refused them a hot shower after a perilous journey of almost 2,000 miles that

took four and a half months.

The six nations taking part are Britain, America, France, Japan, China and the Soviet Union. Apart from the self-confessed element of sheer adventure, the team has been conducting research on glaciology and pollution, ozone data, meteorology, nutrition and thermoregulation. Thousands of schools in America, France, Britain and Australia have

been following its progress.

The landscape at the present stage of the expedition has been sculpted into fantastic shapes by the gale-force wind, with 6ft sastrugi, or waves of snow, looming out of the gloom and overturning the sleds. This was happening several times a day until the dogs somehow found a way to sense their coming and began to take avoiding action.

The animals are gaining weight,

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Doggone on namedropping

e're into serious namedropping this week. A princess, a poet laureate, dames, knights, musicians, ballerinas, nonagenarians, octogenarians, newspaper editors, all human life is here. On one of those recent gale days, John Dankworth and Cleo Laine hosted their annual Wavendon All Music Awards — presented by their most loval supporter. Princess Margaret.

loyal supporter, Princess Margaret.
More than once she had to reassure herself that the scaffolding on the building next to the Banqueting Hall, in Whitehall, was not going to attack us as we lunched a few feet away from the scene of Charles I's

What with that, and her plane being struck by lightning at Gatwick, the weather was not too kind to HRH this week.

Ronnie Scott, an award-winner along with George Shearing, Sir Michael Tippett, George Martin, John Manceri, Benny Green (happily restored to Radio 2), and Cantabile, told a terrible tale of the last big blow. Not known for his true stories, he swears a friend lost his panicked dog on that awful evening. Early next morning the hound returned with the neighbour's dead pet rabbit proudly held between his teeth. Scott's friend guiltily washed and blow-dried the rabbit, scrambled over the garden wall and replaced it in its pen.

Later he was visited by the neighbour, visibly distressed. He asked if all was well. "No," said the neighbour, "just as our son was getting over the death of his pet rabbit, which we buried yesterday, some swine's dug it up, washed it

and put it back in the pen."

Cleo sang a cabaret after lunch, including two Arthur Young settings of Shakespeare lyrics. Princess Margaret and Steve Race learnedly debated if this might be the first time they had been heard in that setting since the days of Inigo Jones.

I forgot to check with Johns a story which Neil Shand told me. The Dankworths once performed at Carnegie Hall in a classy promotion for a new Japanese car. Also on the bill were an infant prodigy and

Itzhak Periman, who caused some confusion among the sponsors when he announced that his first piece was by Kreisler.

THE NEXT day it was the turn of the ballet. Nadia Nerina celebrated Sir Kenneth Macmillan's sixtieth birthday for him at the Berkeley Hotel. As well as Lady Macmillan she had corralled Dame Ninette de Valois, Irina Baronova, Alexander Grant, John Lanchbery, Nicholas Georgiadis and Yolande Sonnabend for a menn divided into three acts. Lanchbery has a Beecham story which I had not heard before. He was present when Sir Thomas overheard Sir Henry Wood complaining, and muttered, "Oh dear, more whines from the Wood."

Dame Ninette was in fine form.
We had a spirited disagreement about the future of Drury Lane, which she thinks should stop being a home for musical comedy whenever the ballet needs it.

Touching on the competition between ballet and opera inside the Royal Opera House, she recalled an old visiting Russian dancer asking: "Between opera and ballet here in England, is also Montagues and Capulets?" When she assured him that it was indeed, he went away much heartened at finding this phenomenon universal. She also remembered a wartime tour of Swan Lake in Scotland when a woman berated her for cutting The Dying Swan, never in the ballet anyway.

anyway.

Madame Baronova's reminiscences were more personal — like her elopement with her first husband. Jerry Sevastianov was one of Colonel de Basil's managers and Baronova, still a baby ballerina, was restless under her parents' strict discipline.

As the company moved from Cleveland to Cincinnati, de Basil arranged for her to speed ahead with her beau straight from her performance. By the time parents and company caught up with them in Cincinnati, the marriage was a fait accompli. Baronova insists she was so naive on her wedding night she kept her husband waiting while she put her hair in curlers.

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Patrick Lichfield, entertaining



two stylish blondes at the next table, looked surprised to see a stately pas de deux danced between the tables by Alexander Grant and Dame Ninette. In fact, she had an ankle cramp and he was showing off the excellence of his hip operation.

excellence of his hip operation.

Nerina produced a nostalgic birthday present for Sir Kenneth: informal photographs of the Sadler's Wells company at Cambridge in 1947 with Nadia herself, John Cranko, Michael Boulton and

Anne Heaton. The shots suggested that, at 16, Sir Kenneth had the longest legs in showbusiness.

NOSTALGIA RAN riot at the Duchess Theatre on Sunday night when The Players celebrated no particular anniversary of Sandy Wilson's The Boyfriend, which opened 37 years ago. They are about to move back to their own theatre underneath the Hungerford Arches by Charing Cross, and Maria

Charles organized the gala evening as a fund-raiser. She was one of 11 of the original cast on parade, and the other five all have long associations. It would be ungallant to total up the ages, but they passed the 1,000 mark.

Age obviously has nothing to do with energy. Billed as a concert version, it was slickly and imaginatively staged, and high kicks and charlestons were two-a-penny. The score sounded as fresh as it did in 1953, and the evening offered more fun than most these days.

fun than most these days.

Sandy Wilson presided benignly and revealed that The Players' managers initially gave him £25 down to write The Boyfriend and another £25 on completion. When he played it to them they heard it glumly and agreed that, as they'd paid out such a large sum of money, they would have to put it on.

Here is a chance to do something useful. When Sandy Wilson was up at Oxford he wrote several ETC revues — notably High, Broad and Corny, and Ritzy, Regal and Super (after the three popular Oxfordians write to him asking for copies of the numbers, most of which he has not kept and cannot remember.

My man in Deal recalls a parody of Oklahoma in which the title song was translated from "Oklahoma, okay" into "Stanley Parker, BA!", and "Don't throw bouquets at me" became something like, "Don't droop your hands at me/Or make too much noise tonight/Don't praise all the boys in sight/People will say that we act".

will say that we act".

He also remembers an early Ken
Tynan song, "My ma's gone to
Reno and we're getting a new papa".

Are you hiding a script in your attic?

I PROMISED you the poet laureate, but I fear I cannot deliver for another week. I misread my invitation yet again and turned up a week early for the Arvon Foundation's Gala Gourmet Literary Dinner at the Savoy. I nearly found myself in the Metal Box Company's thrash, but retreated just in time.

Many of us have been concerned this week about how many editors it takes to change a light bulb. There are conflicting views

are conflicting views.

Some hold the traditional opinion that it takes 10: one who does it, one who wishes he could do it, one who remembers George Melly doing it, and seven who can't wait to write about it.

A more economical approach suggests that it can be done by four; one to do it, one who would like to do it, one who complains of other people doing it, and one who paid £500 to do it.

Next week we will be pondering the following profound question: how many Welsh weight lifters does it take to . . . ?

FRANCES EDMONDS

If I were...

African Cricket Union and mastermind behind the Controversial "rebel" England tour, I would be contemplating the bitter fiasco into which the current series has degenerated. An eminently decent man, fully committed to multiracial cricket in my country. I would be wondering what this ill-advised expedition will ultimately manage to accomplish. Traumatized and depressed, not so much by the anti-apartheid protests themselves as by the brutality of an unchanged police reaction, I would be forced to face reality. In the end, I would realize belatedly, this wretched enterprise could undermine the multiracial successes I have so far struggled to achieve.

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As a brilliant batsman in my Springbok heyday, I would know more than most about the importance of timing. In the light of events, I would be obliged to admit that the timing of this tour could not have been worse. Its announcement, when English cricket had reached its nadir, was (I would not mind reiterating) just "horrible". Far worse: at a time when black expectations of the new De Klerk administration are



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running high, this series harkens back to its '81/'82 precursor and to the stone-faced repression of the hated Botha regime.

Sick of liberal cliches about "cricketing mercenaries", amused by naive Olympian nonsense about "keeping politics out of sport", and cynical about right-wing British Conservative MPs' claims that sporting links with South Africa "help to build bridges", I would explain how this particular tour would never have come about if only the International Cricket Conference had given me a fair hearing last summer.

Next, I would show how the stapidity of cricket's international governing bodies, particularly England's Test and County Cricket Board, have done far more than I could ever do to recruit disaffected rebel tourists. I would point to English county cricketers, the only cricketers in the world who play seven days a week and who are precluded from pursuing another profession simultaneously.

Is it surprising, I would ask, that cricketers whose livelihoods are at the mercy of selectorial whim or unexpected injury, professionals who have no security of tenure or guaranteed wage, and performers who are shunted into the sidings of life by the age of 35 should make such easy orey?

make such easy prey?

I would then beg the South African government to prove its new liberal credential by allowing peaceful demonstrations within cricket grounds. How else can we possibly attract spectators to watch this extraordinarily lacklustre series? Finally I would return to the collected works of that great West Indian journalist, author, playwright and cricket enthusiast, C.L.R. James and would agree with him: "What do they know of cricket, who only cricket know?"



William dropped by just as the night was getting serious.

To be able to go free to the Science Museum was enormously important to me and a tremendous inspiration'

be wonder about Sir Clive Sinclair is that Steven Spielberg and beaten a path to his he dream up some hi-tech supermachine for one of their Holly-wood sci-fi, silly stories. Un-doubtedly he could do it. As an inventor his whole life has been a process of creation, an obsession with gadgets and electronics.

absent-minded professor of movie-lore, he does have a certain vagueness about him - particularly those details of life which he finds uninteresting. Ask him to name the order of the schools he attended and he becomes extremely vague. There were, after all, 13 of them, he pleads.

But question him about childhood invention and he's off starting with the crystal set radio in a wrist-watch which he made at the age of 10. "That was quite a nice little thing," he says, adding, in case one should doubt it, "it worked, too."

At the age of 49, Sinclair is one of the world's best-known inventors. His first pocket calculator, dreamt up when he was a schoolboy in the Fifties but not manufactured until the early Seventies, now lies on display in New York's Museum of Modern Art: while his home computers, another obsession from adolescence, led the world in the early Eighties. The very word processor used to type this article almost certainly owes something to his

And undaunted by a much publicized stumble with his threewheeled electric car in 1985, he now has plans for a new super light-weight, foldaway bicycle and more ambitious electric car. Electric cars will come, he has no doubts about that. The environment cannot tolerate petroldriven engines much longer, he says, much as he loves driving his own petrol-driven Porsche.

He was born in Surrey, where his father had a mechanical tool company. He has one brother, an industrial designer. A sister, years his junior, is a

The fact that he went to 13 schools came about largely, he thinks, because his parents moved about the country when he was young particularly after his father's company got into finan-cial difficulties. He was then 11. The ups and downs of his father's career did not make him nervous about the precarious life of the inventor as businessman, which is how he sees the inventor's role. Ouite the opposite. I could see that he survived," he says.

Almost reticent about his home life, which seems to have been perfectly happy, he paints a pic-ture of "Scientific Sinclair", the schoolboy with a very good singing voice, "although I say it myself', as rather shy but obviously very clever. Learning and understanding came easy.
"I think I came top in every

subject when I was at Boxgrove" (the prep school where he spent most time). Then a correction. "No, I didn't. I came third in Latin. I never worked at anything if I couldn't see the use of it." He probably did see the use of

the piano since he loved the choir:

'Pm a complete atheist. I just

liked the ritual and music." But he

he found it patient. When he became bored with a

By the time

wanted to do concerned, which made at maths and physics, but

natural inclination to get into trouble, but I always used to find that the most interesting boys in school were those who didn't do any work and

so would gravitate towards them." As most children who are obviously different in some way from the others discover, there was some bullying and taunting at learned how to look after himself, a valuable lesson in the life of an inventor who must inevitably

career.
So, uscless at games, working his working his

H. G. Wells, Conan Doyle, back issues of Punch and literally thousands of short stories, and always dreaming up some new project, he went from school to school (two terms seems to have mainly what interested him and dreaming up endless projects.

f course his parents bought him a Meccano set, but that didn't interest him for long - "I was always losing the spanner and couldn't be bothered to take things apart once I'd made them" - and a chemistry set "that lasted about 10 minutes" His ambitions were definitely on another level, starting with

making his friends' clockwork

toys go faster.

At one prep school he began work on building his own television, but left before he finished it. Next, at Reading, he built a one-boy submarine — "Another term and I'd have drowned myself in it" -, forged a pass key and made a bomb by putting explosives from fireworks into the tubes of scaffolding erected on the front of the school. "There was a hell of an explosion, it terrified me." He was

At Dorking Grammar he put microscopic amounts of chemicals into glasses so that when the other children poured water into them it turned different colours; and then he accidentally blew himself up when he dropped sodium into



(left) with his younger brother lain

was caned, which was a very rare occurrence. All the same it didn't stop him from winning the prize for writing a film script there. Unfortunately he left before the film could be made. His final school was St George's

College, Weybridge, where he made rockets out of bicycle pumps. "They went quite high up. I could have killed myself" - not to mention somebody else.

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think it was very well explained. In the end he only wrote a long essay ("I still have it somewhere") but believed then, as he does now, that there is an error in the theory - "that's the special theory, not general one . fully. Of course.

He tells this story to illustrate the difference between his parents. His mother was much more of a cautious figure than his father. When he told her that he was going to write a book on relativity she said: "Don't talk such nonsense. Don't be so arrogant." His father, on the other hand, thought it a good idea. His heroes then, as now, were Einstein, Archimedes, and, above all others, Newton.

Generally he was, he thinks, always more interested in designing things than actually making them - often because he didn't have the materials. From earliest childhood he was a frequent visitor to the Radio Show and the Science Museum in Kensington, and was very pleased when he discovered that something he had designed, but not made, had been invented before and that it actually worked. "I went there every chance I got

and now I'm desperately sad to find that they're charging children £1 to go there. I think it's an absolute tragedy. Appalling. To be able to go free to the Science Museum was enormously important to me and a tremendous inspiration. Charging children is a tragic error and a terrible backward step from the prin-

The logical path for someone like school boffin Clive Sinclair would obviously have been a place at university, but at 17 he deliberately dropped out of education altogether, much to his parents'

"I hated being taught," he explains. "I found it so boring. 1 could learn very quickly if I wanted to and I already knew a lot about electronics. I also knew that if I went to university I couldn't just study electronics, which interested me, I'd have had to do electrical engineering. So I was right not to go."

Pushed on the subject he con-

cedes that it might, had he thought of it, have been fun to do a degree in English. Always a great reader. he lists poetry, with music, as one

ears later, in the early Eighties, he did in fact go to electrical engineering at London University's Imperial College just next door to the Science

"I've got honorary degrees and all that sort of stuff," he says, "but they fling those about all over the place. They don't do you much As for his position as chairman

of Mensa since 1980, he is almost dismissive. "That's just a social thing really, not intellectual - the top two per cent. All it says is that the people there are reasonably To be an inventor is an eclectic

sort of life. You've got to know about a lot of different subjects in different ways, so you have to teach yourself what you want to know. I don't think university is much of a help if you want to be an On the question of identifying a

moment at which his childhood ended he becomes particularly passage experience. Perhaps, he wonders, with considerably more justification than most, he never actually did grow up. Life just seems to have carried on from one project to the next. Looked at from another point of

view, he was also quite a grown-up young man at 18 when, after writing articles for enthusiast magazines, he took over a scientific publishing company. From there he went quickly into busi-ness in his bed-sitting room in London, selling kits for transistor radios, before moving into hi-fi and calculators.

At 21 he was married to the girlfriend he had met a couple of years earlier at a Higheate social club. (The marriage was dissolved in 1985. He has three children.)

Contemplating his life, he re-flects that he only ever wanted to be well off enough to keep inventing, but that he always realized that invention alone was not enough.

The inventor is someone who has to come up with the idea and put it across to the public. He has to be an entrepreneur, because there are buckets of ideas around and they're not always very good ones. We don't need any inventors really: most of them are just a nuisance most of the time.



'A race to the coast against a great barrier of cold'

Continued from previous page temperature starting to drop even further each day, they brace their sinews for the final haul to Mirnyy by March 3.

The American, Will Steger, 45-year-old veteran of the 1986 dogsled expedition to the North Pole, wrenched his back in the traverse early on and when he is in too much pain to ski he runs alongside the sleds. So, too, does the Chinese member, Qin Dahe, two years his junior and until recently the leader of his country's base, the Chinese Great Wall Station, on King George Is-

The Frenchman, Dr Jean-Louis Etienne, a specialist in nutrition and sports medicine, wrenched his knee a few weeks ago, and the Russian, Victor Boyarsky, still leading from the front as he has been doing since the start on August 1 at the tip of the Antarctic Peninsula, bears the heaviest facial scars from the elements.

It is not just the conditions that have caused the weight loss. After six unremitting months, the trek's staple food of Eskimo pemmican has lost its palatability for the men. In a telephone call to The

Vostok, the British team member, Geoff Somers, a carpenter from Keswick, described it as "a race to the coast with a great barrier of cold descending on us. Winter is chasing us and the temperature is dropping by one or two degrees every day."

s a member of the British Antarctic Survey, 39-year-old Somers was stationed on the peninsula for 33 consecutive months from 1978 to 1981, and a further nine in 1987. There are frequent occasions when we are in danger," he admits, "but we never really think about it. We had to nurse two of the dogs for two months because they had frostbite in their legs; we wrapped them in jackets until a plane could take them off.

"Antarctica doesn't treat fools gladly, and life here can be very, very complicated. When the worst winds came, all we had were two layers of canvas between us and the outside. It would take less than two seconds for the tent to go and you would die."

52, the challenge was nearly scrapped when two of the or so," Somers says. three sleds disappeared over the side of a hill and down a have a hot shower. They just

Even before the trek got under way there were problems. A shortage of fuel meant that the aircraft which were to ferry food from the Ellsworth Mountains to the South Polar region, and to points between the Pole and Vostok, were unable to fly. At the last moment the Russians stepped in with an offer of fuel. For an expedition which has

vaunted the strength of international co-operation, there was a peculiar hiccup when the men reached the South Pole a few days before Christmas - the first to have got there by dogsled since Roald Amundsen in 1911. Because this is a private expedition the occupants of the American Amundsen-Scott base offered virtually no hospitality.

"It was a bit of an anti-

Back in September, on day consider that expeditions 2, the challenge was nearly come by only every eight years C "They wouldn't even let us

steep bank of blue ice. The gave us a cup of coffee and we professional, quite another. sleds carecred downwards for had to leave and pitch our almost 1,000ft before crash- camp away from the permaing. By a miracle neither the nent buildings. Yet at Vostok men nor their machines were we got a terrific reception. The Soviet staff were so enthusiastic. They really made us feel welcome. In Washington DC the Nat-

ional Science Foundation, which is responsible for the work carried out at the base, expressed no surprise at the way in which the six were met. "I don't think there is any suggestion that we were actually impolite to them," said Guy Guthridge, manager of the foundation's polar information programmes. "The reason for our attitude is that the facilities of the base are for scientists who have hard-won the right to be there."

The South Pole base is one of three Antarctic stations at which American scientists can carry out research on atmospheric constituents in air. which is the cleanest on earth because of its distance from the climax, especially when you planet's sources of pollution.

tions were one thing, and private operations, no matter how

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tions with private expeditions, and they know perfectly well that we operate under terms which do not allow us to offer any assistance, except in cases of emergency. We can and do offer help to governmentbacked expeditions; one of the central principles of the Antarctic Treaty is that there should be inter-governmental co-operation."

Even though the expedition is not government-backed, no one doubts the professionalism of its personnel. Nor is the scale of its ambition in doubt, for this is not only the first attempted traverse to start from the peninsula, it is also the longest.

In the opinion of Robert Headland, archivist at the Scott Polar Institute in Cambridge, it is welcome for its

Without being rude, ject. "It cannot be accused of Guthridge made it clear that charlstanism," he says. "It has government-backed expedialways said that at one level it is a terrific adventure. If it also focuses the appropriate kind then it can be considered a e have had success.

"It is also novel in the sense that the expedition has taken a completely different route, at 90 degrees to the usual approaches from the Ross and Weddell Seas. It means that there are opportunities for new and detailed local mapmaking." Despite the weather hound-

ing the six men and their dogs from the west, the worst is behind them as they drop, inch by frozen inch, through the 1,200ft height difference between Vostok and the sea. Even though the temperature pursues them down the gauge, the going will get easier on the ground used by the Soviet transport vehicles which ply to and from the coast.

It might still be the loneliest place on a shrinking planet. but to this tiny global community on the move for half a year, the last miles of flattened snow on the road to Mirnyy honest approach to the pro- will seem like Oxford Street.

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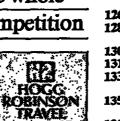
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there? Right (11) 25 Like a writer annoying us in angry letter, initially, about the Thunderer (9)

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26 Needing animal, take gorilla at random

27 Places on board to steer our empty vessels (13) 28 Girl cutting fabric (7)

29 Hero-worshipper (7)
30 Heard a little boy, if I'd made tart (9)

31 What is a quarter of five? (9) 32 So oddly neutral a period in Europe (9) 33 Proverbial reason for an evening out (4,3,4,2,3,6,3,4,2,11)

41 Object of veneration Catholic priest embraced (5)
43 Settling for late retirement? (7,2)

45 Descriptive term - one The Times leader placed on record (7) 48 Select tailless pony — hope he might do for special race (3,6,6)

50 Abandon insignificant person (5) 51 Christian name for Arab child, oddly (9) 54 Jazz songstress affected in vacation

centre 56 Physician gets nothing for one wine (5) 57 Momentous wicket, with score less than

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60 Erased or printed? (6,3) 63 Discharge former PM half-heartedly (5) 64 Better, perhaps, to capture rook (5)

65 Ready for American business in EEC 68 Safeguard metal used by jeweller (9)
71 Section of ground I duly opened (5)
72 Sportsman placed in the middle of

runners (5) 73 Mucking about is silly - shop early (9)

74 Coach called by viewer (5-2) 75 Merit of French answer (7) 76 Use force to move weapon-carrier to

border (9) 77 Banding together for rising in Scotland

78 Wines produced in Picardy? (5) 79 Firmly establish distinction in limited

edition (5) 81 No change in fur seal (7)

83 Fire burning part of church (7) 84 Crack only visible, initially, inside (5) 86 Little bird, with cry of pain, suffered (5) 88 Old German settler's point of view (5) 90 Place for sisters, including 153's? (7) 92 Find very little strap on horse (5) 94 Plant in volume if not so plentiful (11)

97 Announce jury's conclusion in the box 98 Particularly wide, possibly (5) 99 Demanding individual has to stir things

un endlessly (7) 100 Man older than most - than an elder,

possibly (11) 103 One new chapter in revised text is 105 Covering man without weapon (7) 107 Large number in net? No (5) 108 Refuse a true novel writer (11)

110 Swearing in part of Russia (6) 111 Start ... (8,6) 113 ... and finish of 47, 118 (8,6)

116 Dread slip on front of tower (6) 120 Mount sentries in military HQ (5,6) 122 Money for composer, say (5)

123 His visitors are sometimes filled with 124 Unhappy student finally getting rebûke

126 Adam's wine-flask? (5-6) 128 Promise union to endure a sort of

Communist hothead (7) 130 Pick a size of type (5)

131 Plain food (5) 133 Note deserter appeared without honour (11)

135 Within impressionism, one talented contributor (5) 136 Track almost complete - but sleepers

aren't (7) 138 Left before midsummer? Gosh! (5) 139 Plan to get man on US board (5) 140 Better device for cutting vegetables? (5)

141 This ship, for example, at no point retreated (7) 143 Type who doesn't believe in passion with female (7)
145 Inn's surroundings, where learners get

together (5) 146 Plant I removed from earth (5)

147 Left a ring to only daughter (9) 150 In science lab or at experimental complex (9) 152 Notice former Israeli leader make

decision (7) 153 For part of Hamlet, put old coin back

155 Jet-set? (4-5) 156 Contents of home, say, that you'll find in city (5)

157 Like Eliza in this fur (5) 159 Place of maximum damage i.e., per cent destroyed (9) One with an interest in hobby, perhaps

163 Make steady progress in workshop (5) 164 King, a fellow showing element of nobility (5) 165 Reassemble never, once scattered (9)

166 Like eternity ring, in more ways than one? (7) 169 Watering hole used by natives (5)

171 One who lays down his life for another

174 Where a too-enthusiastic wet has gone? 175 Guard's intended to remove source of

ill-feeling (5) Character in Bleak House, thwarting one of the defence (8,7)

ADDRESS

180 View I reportedly photographed (7) 181 Putting on show or concealing? (9)

183 Bilingually, the end of a fairy (5) 185 Pooh's reason for difficulty with this puzzle (1,2,1,4,2,4,6,5,3,4,5,6.2)

191 Lucky fellow pronounced strange antics 194 Dog with fetching ways (9) 197 Arranged a loan sum - nothing unusual

199 A foundation on the rocks (7) 202 Ought to change - that's not an easy task (7)

203 Silver surplus one country's amassing (13)

204 Engineer effective in going through accounts again (9) 205 Neat knitwear in craft collection (9)

206 On a trip, drinks in exalted mood (4,7) 207 Characters at start of book help in establishing contact (7,2,12)
208 From the M1 men, we hear many

stories (3,8,3,3,6)

DOWN

1 However, those carpenter addressed weren't quick to reply (3,6,4,5,4) 2 Everybody succeeded, we hear, as well for both sides (3,3,3)

3 Faulty memory - first daughter put in Joan's place (7)

4 Genuine tanner not spotted (5-4) 5 The novel about love set on lake - in this

6 Bunch of flowers with flag in the middle 7 Dash'd animal (5)

8 Trip south changed teacher's position 9 A foreign city's peculiar charm (5)

10 Why, for audience, The King and I is repeated in resort (7) 11 Discussing one's work in ineffective assembly (7,4)

12 I invested in property, in fact (7) 13 Disturbed mother and child (only a little

boy) (11) 14 A target set in order to produce sporting event (7)

15 Such a person can move supply (5) 16 Piece of music one harmonizes for singers (9)

17 Push, for example, to make someone pay 18 Boxer, say, disguised other scar (9) 19 Men who ruled their people,

too (5) 20 Acquaintance king has currently placed

on left side (9) 21 Match-boxes as part of laboratory

equipment (4-5) 22 Foreign currency, including nothing that moves between French banks (5)

23 Transport one head prior to request? Certainly a profitable principle (8,6,8) 34 Nothing vital repeated about Duke? That's all right (4-5)

35 He upsets cricket side when batting ...

. as top player at close of play is out of form (5) 37 Skill in speaking? Not at all (5)

38 Intuitive guess from sleuth unchecked (5)
39 Without being asked, naturally sat

down? (7) 40 Displacing into group, perhaps (9)

42 Lack of cordiality in church leads to complaint (9) Was left in it without female editor (9) 46 Altogether the reverse of 93 (2,3)

47,118 Cause for celebration (5,9,7,7) 49 Times put in erudite crossword enabling lots, initially, to do well (5)

52 Old man in car is concerned with special gear (9) 53 Troops not well placed in middle of

major road (9) 55 Lord's sporting occasion for bowler (5) 58 Man supporting one daughter, in a manner of speaking (5)

59 Something that will not endure those, perhaps, over fifty? (5,6)

Artist's staff at home (5) 62 Those who play I keep in to chastise (9)

65 Big-shot's version of 171 dn. (11) 66 Waste little money, once, on play (5) 67 As shown in score, very inconclusive

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70 Femme fatale? (9) 75 Capital invested by mutineers (5) 76 Press once here - that's the quick way

77 Elmer omitting nothing in heroism (9) 80 Lassie's complaint? (5) 82 From running away, left to do this again?

85 Amateur county record (3,4) 87 Company car? (3-6)

89 Iron measure used in plant (9) 91 Final part of play, a modern one (7) 93 Tired nobody out (3,2) 95 He has no reason to get involved in a

cult (7) 96 Reduce flash (7) 101 Plant batches of really exotic trees

initially inside this? (9) 102 Finally improved recognition of wit in Russian (9)

104 Rough treatment required before one's called doctor, perhaps (5,6)

106 Letter or note with lots about saint (7) 107 'eld a work unit up in island (7) 109 Problem with pipe tune - finally use appropriate key (7)

111 A minder with us, originally? (9)

112 Buoyant, to survive amongst broken ice 114 Colourful man of letters (11) 115 Tent, for example, endiessly there for

king (5) 117 Inside story, as told by Oscar (3,6,2,7,4) 118 See 47

119 Threatening acquaintances booked in France (3,8,11) 121 National hero dismantling segregation

122 Mavis's relative produces country food

125 Further forward (5) 127 Tribesman repeatedly volunteers to run

129 Pulled too far back on the rocks (9) 132 Rant and rail, initially, creating heat (7) 133 Rich food - get pains through tucking

into it (7) 134 Awfully hard-core material used in some pictures (5)

136 Old men from Ireland it's futile to chase (4,5) 137 Patriotic work from staff in land I adore

142 Shrub out of place in nursery? (5) 144 Earmark complete set of books (5)

145 Group with mission providing work for church (4,5) 146 Possible to get quarters that can be improved (9)

148 Chairman's confused, hence total disorder (9) 149 Keener parent who overpraised children (5)

151 Ring, as it happens, for a girl (5)
154 Magistrate's conclusions in the summing-up much too clever (5) 155 Science established by sound

investigations (9) 158 Artist to draw merchant from his city 160 Organized workers having the edge in

plant (5) 162 Poet's angry? Wordsworth's speechlessly distraught (5) 167 Split money (5) 168 Fish was perceptibly stale (5)

170 Thought character of festivities should be changed (11) 171 Book with coloured cover (11) 172 Unqualified to speak, mainly (5) 173 Deliberately lose a chance (5)

176 Opening doctor spotted in cancellation 177 Endowed altars church retains after Reformation (9) 178 Highly effective money (9)

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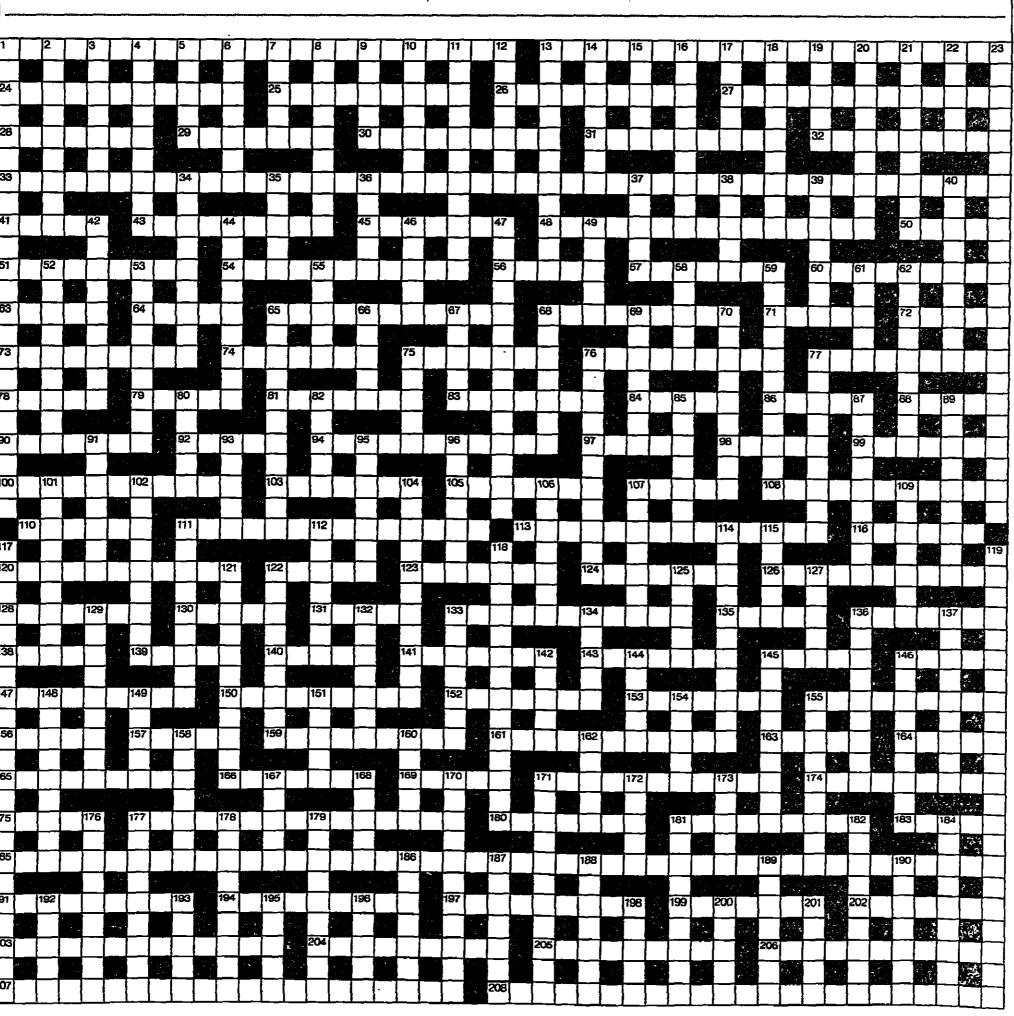
initially (9) 186 Learning garland is for seductress (7) 187 Overwhelmed by anxiety, doctor's admitted (7)

138 Old man's work the lion destroyed (7) 189 Remove smooth characters before I appear in French city (7) 190 One hound I set free he escaped with ease (7)

192 Has potential to take power (5) 193 Scoff food for cattle (5) 195 General purpose sort of instrument (5)

196 Home of religious leader, an apostate of the prophet (5) 198 Confusion upset university supporters, 200 Scratched and bloody when admitted

201 Pursue game silently under cover (5).



Shaken, but never to be stirred

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freezing Megalith bar and, in many ways, welcome to Lebanon. The family that owns this bar in West Beirut is part of the Sunni Muslim establishment. The mus-tachioed man who runs it is an affable Greek Orthodox Christian called Habib Naimeh. The cook is a Shia Muslim and there are six waiters, some Sunni, some Druse. Like every Lebanese, Habib has his own little daily wars to fight, as Beirut, after so many years of chaos, sinks deeper into decay.

The most recent battle is against the thieves who are defying Bei-rut's latest "security plan", the capital's most recent illusion. The Syrian soldiers who came to the city nearly three years ago to crush the militias and street hoodlums are withdrawing to their barracks inside the city. They are to hand over all security tasks to ill-trained Lebanese soldiers and the "Squad 16" paramilitary police.

Habib's mistake was to believe in a new Lebanon with the same conviction with which he contends that the upper floor of the Megalith was broken by demolition workers, not by war -although the traces of shrapnel and bullet holes are everywhere. Because the bar is only 15 steps from the police station at Hobeish, just across Bliss Street, he felt secure and protected. Now he has serious doubts.

A few days ago the bar was robbed, and 48 hours later two fat policemen, shivering under their heavy woollen coats, turned up to question Habib - at lunchtime, of course. They took down an inventory of Habib's losses - one ereo system, one television set, 10 cartons of cigarettes, one calculator and two new jackets thanked him for the beer and nuts, and left. Technically, the case was closed as soon as they left.

"There's not much else you can do," Habib says with a shrug. "They asked me if I suspected anyone." He laughed. "Even if I did, how could I tell them? In this country you don't answer those questions. If you do, you're likely to end up dead." But he found far more serious parallels to his own unhappiness: "Who killed Kamal Jumblatt? Who killed Bashir Gemayel? Who killed President Muawad?" Habib knows that



there will never be clear answers. Yet crimes have one redeeming feature in the Lebanon. They are quickly forgotten and investigations are buried with the victims. So, Habib has taken the sceptical approach - the Megalith is

now encircled by thick belts of razor-sharp barbed wire. The bar looks like a garrison prepared for an infantry assault.

But Habib has other things to worry about.

General Michel Aoun is threatening to cut off the electricity in West Beirut. Already Habib runs a generator and borrows an elec-trical line from the local Beirut International College. Much of the meat on sale in Beirut is weeks old, and power cuts mean that tons of rotten meat are offered to the city's restaurants (newly re-

frozen, of course). Then there is the age-old problem of unwanted guests, which in Beirut can be a dangerous matter.
"Three guys walked in the other day - they were bad news. They were crooks. I couldn't tell if they

were armed. I informed them that we were having a private wedding reception. I gave them our card and told them they were most welcome if they made reservations next time. Fortunately they got the

message."
Habib knows that with or without "security plans" he must ensure that the Megalith remains open so that he can still take home 500,000 Lebanese pounds (about £600) at the end of every month.

That in itself is a challenge, now that nights out are more than ever threatened by thugs, high prices and stiff competition from the back-street bars, with which Habib says he has a personal score to settle. Aged 39, Habib is balding and already walks with a stoop.
"Look," he says. "Working 11

or more hours a day, hardly seeing your family and trying to please people all the time is no joke." But he will not let fatigue win over pride. He opens his arms to the darkness of the Megalith, where a poster of Humphrey Bogart in one of his Sam Spade roles stares down

from the same door broken by the thieves. "This is my life and I would not give it up for anything in this world. I could go to the 'other [Christian] side' or even abroad and make more money. But I will not leave West Beirut. I am needed here. I have not had enough of my town, my relatives,

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my friends."

supervised the casting and finishing of their work. Horse

subjects by two of the leading

members of the group - Barye

and Mene - are being pro-

duced, complete with sig-

natures, but poorly finished

with an apology for a patina.

Many are included in provin-

cial auctions, where they usu-ally sell for about £350 each —

not really expensive, if the buyer knows the score and is

happy with the product. An

Barye was sold by Christie's last autumn for £2,860.

Last November Christie's

also sold an 18th-century

Japanese stag-antler netsuke

in the form of a horse, signed

by Tsunemasa of Shima Province, for £1,100. If this seems a

lot for a toggle about 2in high, it pales beside Bonham's es-

timate of £6,000 for a Lalique

moulded glass horse's head,

originally a car mascot, that is

not even in perfect condition.

another collectable field. Re-

ency and Victorian prints of

famous horses are popular,

but slightly stained or torn examples can be bought very

reasonably. As for paintings, no one expects to buy a Stubbs

cheaply, but it is well worth

looking out for the work of

lesser artists in the field. A

well-documented painting by

Edmund Havell of Isinglass,

winner of the 1895 Ascot Gold

Cup, estimated by Christie's

last year at £2,000-£3,000, was

condition, and at a country

sale, this kind of picture can

sometimes be bought for a

this list shrink throughout the decade and a half of civil war. Some friends were murdered,

some died or were maimed in random bombardment, some were kidnapped, never to be heard from again.

"Some Muslim neighbours went to the other side and never came back," he says. His cousin Nadim Naimeh was murdered three years ago by one of his own comrades in the Phalangist "Lebanese Forces" militia during a power struggle in Christian East Beirut. He was 30. The two men had taken opposite sides. "His best friend took his machine gun and shot Nadim," he recalls. "His body was riddled with bullets."

Habib does not seem surprised at what has happened. Beirut is a story of betrayal. For four years he worked in a back-street nightclub half a mile away in Makhoul Street. During last year's bombardment Habib kept the club open every night, after the owners four rich West Beirut Christian and Muslim businessmen - fled to Canada, the United States and France. "I made huge profits for them during that period," he says. "When things cooled down they came back, and I asked one of the owners for a bonus to take my wife and three children on a brief holiday. I was told that 15 bottles of whisky were missing. I left the place. I had no money. They had

full pockets but empty hearts." Now Habib intends to have full pockets. Every drink costs the equivalent of about £1.80. A fillet steak is about £3.30. The cus-

tomers are mostly young Lebanese businessmen with their girl-friends, the occasional rich student from the American university of Beirut and the even more occasional foreign journalist.

Habib began working in this trade at the age of 15, working as a waiter in the now-devastated Palace Hotel in Bhamdoun. Since then he has served drinks in more than a dozen bars in West Beirut. His most famous drink is the Green Line, named after the trail of ruins which marks the frontline between Muslim West and Christian East Beirut. "It is very dangerous - my clients love it," Habib says. "It's made of equal amounts of tequila, Malibu tropical coconut laced with light Jamaican rum, blue Curação liqueur and a thimbleful of orange juice." But like everything else in the Lebanon, this cocktail is deceptive. At first it looks blue. Only after a minute or so of stirring does Habib's cocktail turn green. Thus does the Lebanon's partition flow through the Megalith.

OUTINGS

CLOWN'S SERVICE: Special service and wreath-laying ceremony in honour of the great Grimaldi, whose influence did so much to popularize the genre. Clowns from all over the country, in full costume, will attend. Get

there early.
Holy Trinity Church, London E8.
Tomorrow 4pm. Further
information (01-254 5062).

JORVIK VIKING FESTIVAL First day of a three week festival of events celebrating the ancient fire festival, Jolabiot, which brightened winter months in Scandinavia and Viking York. The festival always starts and ends with fire. Today, 7pm at Knavesmire, a massive fireworks display. Also, from 10am to 4.30pm in the Merchant Advanturers Hall, war games and competitions. Tonight 8pm, University of York Central Hall,

Acker Bilk's Paramount jazz band. York, Until Feb 24. Today. Fireworks, free. War games, adult 21, child 50p. Jazz, adult £6, student £4.50 (profits to charities Information: Jorvik Viking Festival Office, 37 Micklegate, York (0904 611944), Mon-Fri.

QUILLING AT KENSINGTON PALACE: Family activity for adults and children aged eight and above. The art of rolling and shaping strips of coloured paper to make pictures was a popular pastime in the Victorian era. Today, using Victorian objects in the palace as inspiration, you can create your own pictures. State Apartments, Kensington Palace, London W8. Today 10.30am-12.30pm and 2-4pm. Admission 50p plus normal admission (adult £3, child £1.50).

THE WORLD'S LONGEST EVER NON-STOP MUSIC HALL SHOW: Marathon charity event which began yesterday morning at London's oldest music half. Participants are aiming at a Guinness Book of Records entry. Go along to watch, sponsor or take part.
Hockton Hell, 130 Hockton Street, London N1 (01-739 54312).
Today until 10pm.

THE TALE OF THE WHITE GIANT: The Northern Light Black Light theatre for children uses in this colourful presentation The Maltings Arts Centre, adjacent public library, St Albans, Hertfordshire, Today 3pm. Adult £3, child £2. Box-office (0727 44488).

A NEW LOOK AT DINOSAURS: Philip Doughty from the geology department talks about the dinosaurs in the museum's Dinosaur Show. Uister Museum, Botanic Gardens, Belfast, Tomorrow

2.30pm-4.30pm. Free.

KEEPING GLASGOW IN STITCHES: The city attempts to rival the Bayeux tapestry by producing 12 large fabric hangings, each depicting a different aspect or mood of Glasgow, by the end of the year. Go along to watch progress or lend a hand. Glasgow Museum and Art Gallery, Kelvin Grove (041 334 8006). Sat 10am-10pm, Sun noon-6pm, Mon-Fri 10am-5pm.

Judy Froshaug

COLLECTING

Using your horse sense

orses have always been a popular sub-ject for sculptors and painters, but it can be difficult to pick the winners from the array of collectable equine models

At the modest end of the market are the 1950s Staffordshire figures of heavy horses and hunters, covered in a shiny brown glaze, that turn up now and then at minor auctions, fairs and antiques supermarkets and can often be bought for less than £50. Victorian "flatback" eques-

trian figures in pottery are relatively commonplace, but examples of horses without riders are not as plentiful. Staffordshire vases dating from around 1860, supported by mares with their foals, are likely to cost £300-£350 a pair from a specialist dealer. A rare early 19th-century figure of a piebald pony in Yorkshire earthenware can bring £2,000-£3,000 at auction, but it might not be recognized at a venue where the expertise is limited.

The most celebrated type of pottery horse was made in China during the Tang dynasty (618-906AD). Like the clay figures of servants, soldiers and dancing girls, the horses were placed in tombs to serve the master's needs in the afterlife — a humane custom that replaced the earlier practice of burying the people and animals alive, but it became so popular that, in 741, a royal edict was issued to limit the number of figures per grave. Even so, a great many have been looted from tombs and

ACADEMY CLEAR-OUT: Sale includes 153 lots of pictures and a few sculptures which have been accumulating in the vaults of the Royal Academy. Content ranges from traditional to abstract. Sale in aid of the Royal Academy Benefactors' Fund. As this is a

charity auction there will be no buyers' premium. Bargain Bonham's, Montpelier Street, Knightsbridge, London SW7 (01-584 9161). Viewing: today 9am-noon. Sale: today 2pm.

POT LIDS: One couple's collection of 175 lids, including a rare exhibition example of

The equine model field is wide, so how can you be sure of picking a winner? Peter Philp looks at the favourites



French brouze horse by Barye, sold at Christie's for £2,860

have found their way to the takes an expert to decide

They now fetch prices rangtimes that amount. The best examples are about 18in high, dynamic in their modelling, and decorated with coloured glazes. Many have been damaged and restored, sometimes with discreet adjustments. A horse with a raised foreleg sells for more than one with its four feet on the ground; in the course of repair the stance can be altered, however, and it

Grace Before Meals (est £800-

of Baxter Prints and a set of La

Philip's West 1 West, Salem Road, Bayswater, London W2 (01-229 9090). Viewing: Tues 9am-5pm, Wed 9am-11am. Sale: Wed noon.

£1,200). Also over 150 lots

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GLASGOW GALA: The city's artists and landmarks

at the Royal Scottish Automobile Club in

90 Glasgow pictures on offer, including six very

celebrated in a special sale

Blythswood Square. More than

whether or not this has happened. Decorative copies are ing from about £4,000 up to 10 now being made in China and exported to the West, most of them marketed honestly enough as reproductions; but beware of the odd one that is slipped into a sale to tempt the bargain-hunter.

The same principle applies to modern copies of 19th-sold for £10,780. In dirty century French bronzes, originally produced by a group of sculptors known as the animaliers, who personally

each. There is also a fine

Myles Birket Foster water-

colour of Glasgow Cathedral (£4,000-£6,000).

Paintings followed by 102 lots of jewellery (ests £400-

Regent Street, Glasgow G2 (041 221 4817). Viewing at RSAC: today 10am-5pm, Sun

and Mon 10am-6pm. Sale: Tues, 3pm and 5pm.

Sotheby's, 146 West

fraction of that price. VALENTINES: "See here's SALES GUIDE . a heart you may behold, which breaks when you these lines unfold." This message, from an early 19th-century attractive city views of the Queen Margaret Bridge, the Kirklee Bridge, and the Botanic Gardens by George folding Valentine card, features in a selection of Valentine Leslie Hunter estimated to make between £1,000-£2,000 cards in this sale of ephemera (estimates range from £20-

> Christie's, South Kensington, 85 Old Brompton Road, London SW7 (01-581 7611). Viewing: Tues 2pm-5pm, Wed 9am-5pm, Thurs 9am-10am. Sale: Thurs

John Shaw More Antiques and Collectables in The Times

ENVIRONMENT

Under the greenwood tree

of organizations which aim to

replace some of Britain's lost woodlands

Peter Davenport reports on the growth short leases will be thinned

hen Graham Stroud was fightcourse of meditation strengthened his determination to defeat the disease. He was told to picture in his mind his favourite stretch of countryside, a wooded pasture running down a valley to a clear, tumbling stream near the village of Llanrhaeadr in Clwyd. Years later, to celebrate his victory over the illness, he returned to the spot.

"It was," he says now, "something of a shock, to say the least. The place had been devastated, with all the trees cut down for timber."

Stroud, a 39-year-old joiner, didn't just kick the ground in disgust, walk away and forget about it. He decided to do something and with his long time friend, Paul Leverett, he set up a company called Heritage Conserved, with the sole intention of encouraging members of the public to dip into their pockets to help create woodlands.

They are not alone in their concern or in the realization that people today are prepared to pay to encourage tree planting. New woodlands are sprouting up around the country, from the Isle of Skye to Cornwall.

Some estimates put the area of Britain now covered by woodlands at less than 10 per cent. However, a range of schemes, from national campaigns to local initiatives, are proving successful in an atgreen consciousness".

Some schemes are offering trees on small plots, either leasehold or freehold. By creating a hillside in small parcels owned by hundreds of different people, it is intended to make any potential change of use so muddy a legal morass that developers would simply shy away.

In Wales, Heritage Conserved is selling 36sq ft plots, at £17.50 for the freehold. complete with deed document, on a five-acre site between Lianrhaeadr and Pystyllrhaedr, in Clwyd. (It is the closest land Stroud could buy to the site of his "dream"



mosphere of increasing Trees for the future: British Broadleaf Heritage's Alan Palmer

sold, with owners spread culture since the Second across the world. There will eventually be around 2,500 broadleaf trees planted in the wood, and the company is by the recent storms. now looking for other sites in

Business has flourished in loss; around 40 per cent of our the past four months, and ancient woodlands have been almost 1,000 plots have been claimed by industry and agri-

World War, and the losses

have been compounded by the

hurricane of October 1987 and

Palmer's company offers two leasehold schemes. A At Bearah in Cornwall, on a payment of £30 buys a 75-year site of 55 acres, Alan Palmer is lease on a 9sq yd plot of land

trees an acre. So far more than 500 plots at Bearah have been sold, and similar number reserved. Among those who have al-

out to provide more growing

room for those on the longer

leases, giving a coverage of 50

ready bought plots are Sir John Gielgud, Sir Yehudi Menuhin, the naturalist Gerald Durrell, and Lady Richardson, the widow of Sir Ralph, on behalf of her late husband. Palmer hopes to announce a similar scheme on a 60-acre site in Surrey shortly and is looking in the Midlands for another suitable location. The oldest of the pay-toplant schemes is run by the Woodland Trust; its "Plant a tree for a Pound" programme,

launched 10 years ago, re-cently reached the milestone of the 250,000th sapling to be dug into the ground. For £25 the Trust will plant trees in a specific wood which the donor can choose from a list of sites, currently stretching from Devon to Yorkshire. Even more ambitious is the campaign by the British Trust

for Conservation Volunteers, launched in the autumn of 1988, to plant one million trees around the country over a three-year period. It is well on target, with almost half a million planted already with more than 30,000 people taking up the challenge. The Trust's Jane Bevan

ness of 'green' issues is leading to more and more people coming forward. When you think of the destruction of the rain forests, of the trees lost in the Great Storm, it might not seem much to plant one million trees. But to achieve anything you have to start somewhere. Every tree has an

• Heritage Conserved, Afallon, High Street, Llanfyllin, Powys SY22 5AR (069 184 749) site of 55 acres, Alan Palmer is creating new woodland which will eventually have around 25,000 trees.

He is the managing director of Traditional British Broadleaf Heritage, a company formed to create amenity woodlands around the country to counteract the extensive lease on a 9sq yd plot of land on which a tree, one of the 30 varieties of broadleaf on office at Bearah, is planted. For £142, you receive a 110-year lease on a 16sq yd plot in which your tree is set.

Initially the company is planting 250 trees per acre; after 75 years the trees on the volunteers, (01-381 9927).

EATING OUT

Jonathan Meades visits a restaurant that has perfected the trick of serving fantastic food at realistic prices

Developing a taste for gimmickry

aid end to end, the gimmicks at Tall Orders would stretch from Saatchis in Charlotte Street to J. Walter Thompson in Berkeley Square. Here are some of them: everything costs the same; everything is served at the same time; everything is served in tall stacks of Chinese bamboo steamers. It sounds like a nightmare from the Bright New Ideas section of Cooks and · Cookmen; it must surely belong in the same league as those establishments where you have a really good time cooking your own food or armwrestling an octopus of your choice in the vivarium or being served by robots. I've got nothing against fun, but most fun strikes me as being no fun at all. Sometimes, however, fun is fun, despite the desperation of those who peddle it, despite the lengths they go to in order to foist it. The difference with Tall Orders is that it is enjoyable and thoroughly commendable because of its gimmickry, not despite it.

The ideas, the concepts and so on, are not applied, they are integral, They are not spray-on, they are foundations. What we have bere is, essentially, a notion of restauration so far out of court that it might have been conceived in Bedlam. And it has been followed through with total conviction. There are slight affinities with other establishments with the dim sum canteens of Soho, obviously, and with Kensington Place and Stephen Bull. Both of those places are built around gifted chefs who have eschewed haute cuisine (and commensurate prices) for a sort of cooking they've invented for themselves - affordable, unfusey and generally better than all but the finest haute cuisine.

Nick Gill, the chef at Tall Orders (and, apparently, the man who thought it up) is another renegade from the Mousses-and-Servility tradition, a tradition that will not disappear but whose less able adherents will probably get found out in the undistant future. They

will get found out because if chefs such as Gill continue to defect in order to open places such as Tall Orders there will be a decreased demand for pinchbeck shrines of Culinary Art. The fact that the emperor has no clothes will no longer matter, since no one will turn out to see him. Gill's cooking is of a very high standard and his prices are very low. What more could anyone wish for? The establishment where he won

his Michelin star is a "country house" hotel in the east Midlands

called Hambleton Hall. I've never

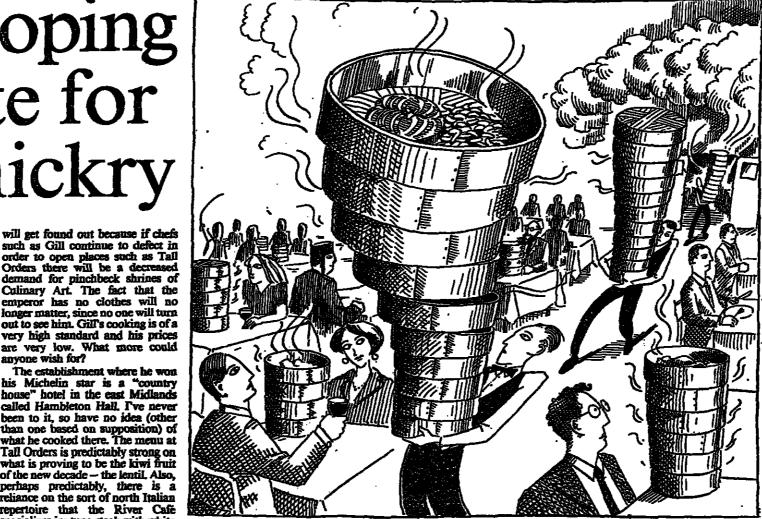
been to it, so have no idea (other

than one based on supposition) of

Tall Orders is predictably strong on

what is proving to be the kiwi fruit

of the new decade - the lentil, Also, perhaps predictably, there is a reliance on the sort of north Italian repertoire that the River Cafe cializes in: tuna steak with white secolet) beans: cotechino with lentils, stewed peppers and mustard dressing; chicken with aioli and fried potatoes; a salad of rocket, spinach, pine nuts and goats cheese. Everything, including sweets, is delivered simultaneously in the aforementioned steamers within the steamers are blue and white plates that are more 1880s than 1990s. Everything is £2.95 a throw. The simultaneous delivery of dishes must, to some extent, determine the repertoire - for, as anyone who has eaten dim sum knows, steamers are not the most efficacious retainers of heat. Therefore, this north Italian range of dishes that are habitually eaten lukewarm is probably ideal. Portions are larger than today's first courses usually are, and smaller than main courses. The menu is probably too short and lacks daily specials. But that is a gnat's cavil. These simple dishes have rarely been better prepared. Flavours are thrillingly intense. Ingredients are patently fresh and of ace quality. With the dishes listed above, one



another of mineral water, a dish of raw salmon with guacomole (too much dill in the marinade) and a chocolate mousse with rum jelly the damage was £31.50, which is what any formulaic suburban Peking place costs. Wine would have upped this bill by a fiver.

This terrific canteen also succeeds in looking better than most culinary shrines. The ceiling is DIY Richard Rogers, with blue pipes the circumference of a Frisbee snaking about. There are shelves of poison-blue bottles of innocuous mineral water from Lampeter. There are also big blue lamps outside - one of Nick Gill's partners, Andrew Leeman,

****** 676 Fulham Road, London SW6 (01-371 9673). 236. Major cards. Noon to midnight

TALL ORDERS

PEKING DUCK ***
30 Temple Fortune Parade, Finchley Road, London NW11 (01-458 3558). £38. Lunch and dinner, Wed to Mon.

wanted to be a policeman in his younger days. In the centre of the room is a bar. The lasting impression is of light wood and heavy noise, tempered chaos and proper food. One hopes that future months will produce more of this.

Further establishments such as Tall Orders - I don't mean copies of it, but places which ape its standards and prices - would eventually create a new norm of everyday eating. That norm has for the past quarter of a century been provided by Indian, Chinese and, more recently, Thai places. There is no reason why such restaurants should be cheap, save that this is our expectation of them. There was a certain excitement about the first Indian and Chinese establishments, which aimed for the middle market and fixed their menus and prices accordingly. That excitement didn't last when it became clear that, in London, at any rate, the main talent of these places' owners was to copy each other. We have now a new level of Asian restauration that has become clichéd with alacrity - it

wouldn't much matter, but the

new clichés are far more expensive than were the old ones, and so these restaurants can hardly be counted as a utility unless, that is, you have twin daughters who, like Lord Lucan, prefer to eat the same meal time and again. This, I hope, is the only thing my daughters have in common with the pitiful earl — they are certainly kind to their namey. Lucky's tipple was lamb cutlets or, in summer, lamb cutlets *en gelèe*. Theirs is won-ton, seaweed, spring rolls, duck with pancakes, fried noodles. You can get it on any high street. The mean standard is good. At the Peking Duck in Temple Fortune they had no complaints. I could have done with less gluten on my scallops and would have stolen more of their won-ton had the batter not been so thoroughly soaked in sweet 'n' sour syrup. Souid with garlic and chilli was a decently ungreasy version of the dish. With tea, toffee apples and orange juice the bill was £38, the sort of sum that should encourage other British chefs to follow Gill and grab a slice of a market which is being abandoned by its long-time occupants.

DIRECTORY

Stars - up to a maximum of 10 are for cooking rather than swags and chandeliers. Prices are for a three-course meal for two. They include an aperitif and modest wine in the case of Franch places, tea in the case. frantic place: part burger-joi spare-ribs-diner, part calus-By the standards of such gastronomic subcultures it's not too bad et all. £50 plus. French places, tea in the case of oriental ones and so on. RIVERSIDE

or onerical ories and so on.
Prices change: they usually go
up. Dishes also may have
changed — they are given only
as an indication of the establishment's repertoire. I accept no responsibility for disappointments and claim no credit for happy surprises. Always phone first. J.M.

KENSINGTON

Kensington Place 201 Kensington Church Street, London W8 (01-727 3184) 大大大大大大大 Large, loud, vital. This is a mould-breaker, the metropolitan venue of the moment. This is fashionable precisely because of its cooking -not despite it like, say, Largans. A combination of chef (Rowley Leigh), restaurateurs (Simon Sister and Nicholes Smeilwood) and architect (Julyan Wickham) has created something far beyond a mere showplace for kitchen excellence. Nowhere else in London offers such cooking at such prices. ******

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Nowhere slee in London is so varied in its clientale. Its persister success suggests it may become closely the man and Barie. classic, the way great Paris brasseries have — but the cookin is better than that of any brasseri on earth. Leigh is the most intelligent English chef of his generation. His own inventions are remarkable: chicken and goats cheese mousse; warm Oys cucumber and wild rice Or

chanterelies, fole gras with sweetcom pancakes. The swe are ace, the wines well choser inexpensive. The entire operation makes most grand restaurants look meagre. An added bonus is great trad cocktails. £50-£60, £35 at

Boyd's Glass Garden 135 Kensington Church Street, London W8 (01-727 5452) ***

Twee name, twee décor, twee cooking: indeed, it's one of the last outposts of mainstream English nouvelle cuisine. All the dishes are elaborate. Some come off, others

124 Kensington Church Street, London W8 (01-221 9225)

No choice dinners, limited choice funches. The cooking is superior dinner party stuff – fainly simple, well belanced, good ingredients, not much showing off. Hicotte and artichoke pie, well herbed rack of lamb, first-rate British cheeses, nice breads. If you can accept the rather tyrannical premise, it's a worth-white establishment. Sound worth-white establishment. Sound wine list, strong in New World bargains. 270.

Sticky Fingers 1a Phillimore Gardens, London W8 (01-938 5338)

Bill Wyman's restaurant is a shrine to himself and to the rest of the Rolling Stones - photos, news

a frame. It's a loud and pretty

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l assuren Jeitzer in an eleganty Jeitzer in an eleganty Spirited and assured cooldin Hans Schu done-out former park-keeper's house on the banks of the Case The wine list leaves much to be The wine list leaves much to be desired — reasonably priced Australian and French regional wines, for instance. But the grub is spot on: qualis with a forcement stuffing and a fine jus, monkfish done in fish mouses and spirach beefly beef with a beefler saucs; fairly sound cheeses and excellent crême briliès. 245-2120.

The Pier at Harwich The Quay, Harwich, Essex (0255 241212) ***

Great view of the Stour and Orwell estuary, pleasant service, nice enough cooking which is at its beg when not attempting to be flashy. The fish and shellfish are notably tresh. £50-£60.

The Carved Angel 2 South Emban Dartmouth, Devon

***** The cooking is Anglo-French in the best sense with Tuscan and Catalan accents. This edecticism produces earthy, down-home dishes such as lamb with croquettes of seaweed, bat offal — all ordinary enough oma — an oronary enough sounding but accomplished with fair and teste; the kitchen's technique is to dissemble its technique. The view over the Cert estuary is gorgoous and so are the wines, which are particularly strong in minor Fittines that yield major the cert is transported in the cert is sent to the cert in the

SURREY

Portsmouth Road, Ripley (0483 224777)

The country of the co presentation before flevour. Never-theless, not a bad place and one which night become rather impressive were the kitchen to let-itself go a bit. Aromatic rabbit saied, bland lamb with wimpish tarragon mousse, smoked salmon with blinks. Decent wines at decent prices. Congenial service. 250-260.

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The disaffiliation debate must result in NUS reform, Edward Grant says

he result of last week's referendum at Southampton University, on whether or not to disaffiliate from the National Union of Students, is a sharp warning for the NUS. The student union is still a member of the organization. but only just: 1,517 students voted to remain in the NUS, while 1,401 students (48 per cent) voted to disaffiliate.

At Bristol and Cambridge universities last year, disaffiliation was supported by 33 per cent and 42 per cent, respectively, of those students who registered a vote. So far this academic year, nine colleges have announced they are voting on NUS membership.

Extremism has been a problem with the NUS for years and moderate students are beginning to react. The fundamental problem is that the NUS is participatory: the structures are only as representative as those students who are politically motivated enough to get involved.

Widespread uninterest means politically motivated extremists inevitably dominate decision-making. Fewer than 10 per cent of students nationally vote for delegates to the NUS conference. As a result, NUS policies are grossly out of tune with the silent majority of moderate

students. In the past the NUS has evaded demands for change through an "all or nothing" approach. Either students can main inside the national body or they can risk isolation by disaffiliating. This has worked in the NUS's favour because students preferred imperfect national representation to none at all.

The result has been growing dissatisfaction that has not been reflected at conference, and student leaders have grown isolated. Entrenched in their political

From Jonathan Murphy. University of London

The survival of a national student body in some form is essential. The financial and political problems of the NUSare worrying, but it is too easy to ignore its value and

Without administrative assistance, individual union offi-cers would lack the experience of training schemes and would have to make their own links with local organizations and other colleges. There would be

Warning vote in the union



power bases and supported by many unelected delegates, the national executive has ignored demands for reform.

The impetus for disaffiliation came from within Southampton Student Union and not from right-wing Conservative students who oppose such unions for ideological reasons.

Propping up the NUS

The NUS likes to portray itself as an intrinsic part of the local student union and relies on union officers to promote it

no central body for informa-

tion and research on welfare

By adopting consumer poli-

tics and threatening the with-

drawal of its bank account, the

NUS forced the banks to pull

out of the loans scheme. Such

tactics reveal that these stu-

dent politicians can think

beyond the bluster of protest-

The NUS should, however, re-

spond to threats of disaffili-

ation with promises of reform.

and academic issues.

to apathetic students. But the political extremism of the organization and its frustratng inefficiency have alienated many student union officers. The credibility of the NUS

is low. The organization budgeted for £28,200 to promote itself and fight disafiliation campaigns in 1989-90. A feature of all disaffiliation campaigns is the arrival of professional organizers and speakers: at Southampton, six members of the NEC came down in two weeks, which is

Otherwise student politics will

be thrown into chaos when it

On the same day as the

Southampton vote, the stu-

dents at Kent University voted

by a four to one ratio to remain within the NUS. This was a

sensible vote, but there is an

argent need for reform which I

hope will be tackled at the

spring conference.

needs to be strongest.

From Andrew Hetherton,

Southampton University

and some new student organ-

izations will be formed. Edward Grant is president of Southampton University's Su-dents' Union.

This is the occasion for delegates to voice the concerns of their individual unions and they should not miss the opportunity of pressing for change. National executive posts should be full-time jobs and the president should be clected for a two-year term to

improve continuity. But students should remenber some of the benefits of the NUS. Information on loans, education, welfare, and sport, for example, is best obtained from the resources of the national headquarters.

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Such targeting prevents technical disaffiliations, but does little to combat the underlying dissatisfaction. ---and the same The inevitable introduction The Contract of of student loans is likely to bring latent doubts about the 10 mm Marie Carlo lack of NUS credibility to the The Control of the Co surface. Loans are massively unpopular among students and the direct action tactics advocated by the NUS have Mention and proved ineffective. The persistent failure even to discuss the graduate tax proposals for student finance or to come up

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unions are much less reliant on NUS services than smaller colleges. Political involvement is generally higher in such institutions, so the dele-See Jacobson gates and policies sent to Appendix in the same conference are among the Company of the second most moderate. Universities are, in this sense, at the margins of the NUS. In financial terms, however, they are A STATE OF THE PARTY OF THE PAR at the heart. Out of 850 affiliated colleges, more than 50 per cent of fees come from Teles fewer than 50 universities. the first Marie Dissatisfaction among university students is so wide-AN 5201 35.00 श्रीयादीत उ

spread that, according to the national secretary of the NUS, it would only take a single disaffiliation to act as a catalyst for many more to follow. Time is running out. Unless student leaders initiate sweeping reform soon, disaffili-Mic Makes 2 ations will become a reality

THE TIMES COOK

In judgement with Paris

Frances Bissell joins the stars of European cuisine to judge the Trusthouse Forte Hotel Chef of the Year competition

ca is the best thing to drink with chocolate desserts according to Gaston Lenotre, the multi-Michelin starred chef and one of the world's great atissiers. Paul Bocuse and Roger Verge nodded in agreement at Michel Guerard's suggestion that grapefruit makes a much more cessful marriage with chocolate than the more frequently used orange. I listened in awe, making mental notes of these tips from the masters and wondering at my good fortune in being in such stardded company. Together with Joe Hyam, editorial director of Caterer and Hotelkeeper magazine, Victor Ceserani, catering consultant and writer, and Jean Bellavita, senior executive chef for Trusthouse Forte, we all recently spent the day at Ealing College in London to judge the 16 finalists in the THF Hotel Chef of the Year competition, held in association with Charles Heidsieck

hampagne.
The theme of the competition was a three-course winter lunch with a British character, using local and seasonal produce where possible. There were 48 dishes for us to taste. This daunting prospect turned out to be far from disagreeable, since the overall standards of cooking and presentation were very high. Although we could select only three prize-winners, many of the other finalists produced individual dishes that were worthy of praise, if not prizes. Much use was made of game, in such dishes as partridge steamed in hay with champagne and cabbage, Lakeland venison with wild mushrooms, saddle of hare with cranberries and, from the winner of the second prize, Fred Tretzka, executive head chef of the Compleat Angler in Marlow, a terly stuffed breast of pheasant. Mousselines, timbales, turbans and terrines featured heavily among the starters, but there were also some more unusual dishes such as baked farmhouse Cheddar and onion soup under a light souffle and poacher's sausage made of pigeon, quail and rabbit

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The French chess were quite startled at the English taste for fruit with meat and the accompanying sweet sauces made variously of port, Madeira, prunes, sloe gin, apricots and honey. I was delighted to see such dishes as braised beef Old Peculiar, which led to an explanation of this bière brune très forte de Yorkshire, and breast of Lousdale duck with a duck and apple black pudding. Thought and imagination had gone into so much of what was presented to us, and a degree of boldness, too, in the way that traditional English delicacies and specialities were interpreted and proudly presented to the judges. A pan-fried fillet of codling from the first prize-winner, Ian Rhodes from the Castle Hotel in Windsor, impressed us all. It was presented with little show, but a perfectly balanced, creamy thyme

. The desserts and puddings were

quite splendid. How good it was to see a Kentish apple pie with a delicate and fruity cider sauce, and, from the third prize-winner, Peter Starzuschek from the Swan Hotel in Grasmere, a substantial steamed pudding with a ginger and golden syrup sauce, which he served with a vanilla and sultana ice-cream. As well as three recipes from the prize-winners, I have included two of my particular favourites from the other competitors, an apple Charlotte flavoured with mint from Terry Lavin at the Wessex in Winchester and, perhaps the most eye-catching dish of all, the champagne flute from Michael Perry at the Ship Hotel in Parkgate, a delicious adult version of jelly and custard.

We (including the French) were all left in no doubt that British cooking is alive and well and in extremely capable hands

Note: These are the chefs' own recipes which I have adapted only as necessary, to achieve consistency of measurements, for example. It should be pointed out, too, that the chefs, as they were preparing these dishes, had a commis chef assisting them. Smoked salmon and Dover sole

roulade (Peter Starauschek)

(Serves 4) 6oz/170g finely minced Dover sole 14floz/400g double cream

6oz/170g home-smoked salmon, not too thinly sliced into 4 slices %pt/280ml fish stock ½ bottle champagne

1tbsp *glace de poisson* (unseasoned fish stock reduced to a syrupy consistency) 2oz/60g unsalted butter, chilled and cubed 1tbsp double cream

%oz/15g fresh chervil leaves

In a bowl set over a larger bowl of ice-cubes, prepare a mousseline by working together the finely minced sole, the double cream and the egg white. Spread the mousseline on the salmon slices and form into roulades or rolls. Poach these in the fish stock, remove and allow to rest. Add the glace de poisson to the poaching liquid, and reduce to about 4pt/140ml. Mount the sauce with butter, finish off with cream, and add a little chopped chervil. Season to taste. Slice the roulades and arrange them in a circle on individual plates. Pour the sauce and chervil leaves.

Note: As a substitute for home smoked salmon, get a thick fillet of salmon, trim it into a neat rectangle, about 7in by 4in, and slice horizontally into four pieces. For extra flavour and texture, cure the piece of fish overnight in salt, pepper and a little sugar, and then rinse and dry it before slicing.

Fillets of codling (Old Windsor) (Serves 4)

4 x 6cz/170g cod or codling fillets

3 silces of home-made or firm textured bread 6oz/170g unsalted butter small leek, white part only finely 1 small celery stalk, trimmed and finely chopped

1 small onion, peeled and finely 6-8 sprigs of thyme pinch of mixed fines herbes

1pt/570ml fish stock %pt/280ml whipping cream 1-2tbsp flour

Skin the fish fillets and trim each one into a neat shape. Remove all bones. Season lightly on both sides with salt and pepper, cover and refrigerate while you prepare the breadcrumb topping and sauce. Finely crumble the bread and mix with the shallot, peeled and finely chopped. Melt half the butter in a frying pan, and sweat the finely-chopped vegetables and herbs, reserving a little of the thyme for garnish. When the vegetables are soft, deglaze the pan with white wine and add the fish stock. Bring to the boil and reduce to about 4pt/140ml Add the cream and reduce again. Season to taste and pour through a fine sieve into a bowl set over hot water to keep the sauce hot. Remove the cod fillets from the refrigerator

Melt the rest of the butter in a frying pan and fry the fish gently until just done. Carefully remove it from the pan and transfer to a baking sheet. Top with the breadcramb mix and pass it under a hot grill to lightly brown the topping. Pour the sauce on to heated dinner plates, arrange the fish on top and garnish with thyme. Serve with a mixture of English winter vegetables, such as leeks, parsnips, swedes, carrots, simply cooked and tossed in

and flour them lightly.

Miniature bread and butter puccings (Fred Tretzka)

6 slices thinly sliced white bread

2oz/60g softened butter 2tbsp sultanas 1 egg yolk

2tbsp sugar 2-3 drops vanilla essence pinch grated lemon rind pinch grated nutmeg 3floz/85ml milk

1floz/30ml double cream

2oz/60g sugar for glazing Cut out 12 2in rounds of bread and spread with butter. Brush four 20z/60g ramekins with butter and place a slice of bread on the bottom of each and divide half the sultanas among them. Top with another piece of bread, the rest of the sultanas and the last slice of bread. Whisk together the rest of



the ingredients except for the last amount of sugar, strain and pour over the bread. Leave to rest for two hours. Place in a roasting tin with a little water, and bake for 25 minutes in a pre-heated oven at 180-190°C/350-375°F, gas mark 4-5. When cooked, remove from the oven, sprinkle sugar on top and glaze under a hot grill. When set but still warm, carefully remove the puddings from the ramekins and arrange on plates. Note: Fred Tretzka served these with two other puddings, an apple-filled brandy snap biscuit and a poached

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1/20t/280ml champagne 3tbsp castor sugar

%pt/340ml milk 1 vanilla pod

4 pt/140ml whipping cream garnish: fresh or frosted mint

Put half the champagne, 2tbsp sugar and the gelatine in a small saucepan. When the gelatine has softened, heat gently until it and the sugar have dissolved. Add the rest of the champagne and set aside to cool. Pour into four quite large champagne flutes and place in the refrigerator, carefully balanced to set at an angle of roughly 45°. Pour the milk into a saucepan, add the vanilla pod and bring to the boil. Mix the comflour in a bowl with the egg yolks and remaining sugar and pour on the boiling milk, stirring continuously. Strain the mixture back into the pan and cook very gently until the custard coats the back of a spoon. Allow to cool. Whip the cream until stiff and fold into the from February 1 to 28.

custard. When the champagn jelly has set, spoon on the custard and chill once more. Decorate with fruit and mint leaves.

(Serves 6) 1lb/455g apples

602/170g castor sugar 1/2 lb/110g unsalted butter

6-8 sprigs of fresh mint luice of 1 lemon

%lb/110g flaked almonds, toasted

Peel, core and roughly chop the apples, place in a saucepan with 40z/110g sugar, bring to the boil, and simmer for two minutes. Remove from the heat. Butter six individual moulds and sprinkle with the rest of the sugar. Butter the bread, cut into fingers and use to line the moulds, butter side out, leaving enough bread to cover the moulds. Finely chop a dozen or so mint leaves, and mix with the apples, the juice of a lemon, half of the cream and half of the sherry. Spoon the apple mixture into the prepared moulds and cover with the remaining pieces of bread. Put the moulds on to a baking sheet and bake at 200°C/400°F, gas mark 6 for 10 to 15 minutes Meanwhile, make the sauce by

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1lb/455g sliced white bread, crusts

Sfloz/170ml double cream 8floz/170mi oloroso or amontillado

1/4 lb/110g apricot jam

putting the apricot jam, the cream, sherry, a few more mint leaves and a little water in a saucepan. Simmer gently for 10 minutes Strain on to plates, arrange the puddings on top, turned out of their moulds and garnished with toasted almonds and mint leaves.

FOOD

Overflow from the salmon lake

ondon apprentices once campaigned to have it in their articles of employment that they would not be required to eat salmon more than twice a week. Now salmon, which many regard as the finest of fish, is almost everyday fare again.

This week it has been cheaper in some fishmongers' shops than humble haddock or common cod. While storms kept the fishing fleets in harbour, forcing up prices of cod and haddock towards £3 a pound and initiating panic purchases from the Soviet Union at a barter rate of 10 British mackerel for one Russian haddock, we have a glut of salmon. Prices have gone as low as £2.25 a pound.

That comes about because Scottish fish farmers last year in-creased output from 19,000 to 28,000 tons, while Norway almost doubled production from 82,000 to 150,000 tons. The Norwegians have now introduced an intervention scheme to freeze excess production for consumption in eastern Europe, but there is more to come: British output is likely to double again, to 55,000 tons, by

Haddock and cod will continue to be in short supply, and to increase in price, as EC quotas tighten. The search is on for other species, such as orange roughey and hoki from New Zealand, Alaskan pollock and ocean perch from Iceland, which could replace them. Meanwhile, salmon could be the chicken of the future.

What the fish farmers have devised for salmon is even more astonishing, and contrary to nature, than anything the poultry-men have dreamt up for battery hens. A life cycle which defies explanation has simply been bypassed and abolished.

Wild salmon start life in river gravel as tiny pink blobs. They grow in fresh water to be parr, the size of a man's finger. Then they head out to sea as smolt, changing their appearance, shape and in-ternal systems to adapt themselves to a life ranging the ocean.

Where smolt went was a mystery until nuclear submariners reported finding shoals of them feeding on the plankton beneath Arctic ice floes. It remains a mystery how the fish find their way back from feeding grounds up to 2,500 miles distant to their native river to spawn, and, usually, to die.

These are the voracious, fighting fish beloved of anglers (who, incidentally, benefit the Scottish economy by £50 million in their pursuit), fought for by bailiffs and poachers, and famous for their spectacular jumps up seemingly impassable waterfalls — feats which earn them their Linnaean name salmo salar, the leaper. But once returned to freshwater they do not eat. Few survive to make their way down river again. If they do they are wasted creatures, unfit to eat, known, picturesquely enough, as spent kelts.

There is none of this oceanroaming adventure for the farmed fish. They are bred in tanks and reared over three to four years in cages which are merely moved from fresh to salt water to substitute for the natural migration.

farms in Britain, and 120 fresh-water rearing sites. The farms keep up to 500,000 salmon in cases which may extend over areas as large as several football pitches. Fish farming is more intensive than any agricultural rearing system, and similarly hazardous, but fish farmers now provide one quarter of all the fish we cat.

As far as salmon is concerned the proportion is 97 per cent farmed to three per cent wild.

The crowding of the farmed fish in their pens makes them vulnerable to disease. Outbreaks of an ulcerative disease called furunculosis are frequent. So is infestation with sea lice. Wild fish get rid of them by swimming, but pl easily develop in caged stock. The usual method of combatting the lice is treatment with an organophosphorous compound called Aquaguard or Nuvan, a pesticide suspected of damaging other marine life, and thought to cause cataracts and blindness in salmon

A more engaging method of control being experimented with in the Shetlands is to introduce cold-water goldfinny wrasse to the salmon tanks, fish which obligingly eat sea lice off other fish.

Even if that ecologically acceptable method of control succeeds, other diseases threaten. The import of ungutted salmon and trout from Norway was banned from Christmas Day last year to guard against the introduction of infectious salmon anaemia from

Norwegian farms. It takes 200 tons of smaller fish (such as sand eels or sprats) to produce 100 tons of farmed salmon. One study suggested that 40 tons of those 200 tons fall to the bottom as waste, along with fish droppings, causing pollution which could stimulate plagues of plankton or poison the coastline.

There is a further risk from escaped farm fish breeding with, and weakening, the wild stock.

o see the farmed and wild fish, whether in the water or on the fishmonger's slab, there is little difficulty in telling the two apart. The farmed fish have stunted fins, blunted noses, and less muscular tails.

But after cooking the difference is hard to tell. Wild fish are likely to be fattier, but for caterers, restaurateurs, fish-smokers, and supermarkets farmed fish is preferable because it is more consistent, better coloured (thanks to ingredients in the feed) and shows no blood spots.

Naturally Marks & Spencer, anadromous fish, has homed in on farmed salmon as something to specialize in and promote as "the finest of fish".

Well, luckily you could not have a glut of anything much more adaptable than salmon. It can be boiled, posched, grilled, stewed, baked, fried, served hot or cold, smoked, potted, or pickled. We may need to use it in all those ways to eat up the over-supply of which we now seem assured.

Robin Young

DRINK

New Zealand wines win top marks as Jane MacQuitty picks the best February drinking

Southern comforts

treaty and the Commonwealth Games, New Zealand wines should really be flavour of the month and year. The Kiwis may not experience acted as a powerful the 150 per cent increase in magnet in the sales in this country that the Mariborough area, Australians enjoyed during encouraging Austheir bicentenary brouhaha, tralian wine-mak-but they deserve to. And of the ers to buy Sanvmany New Zealand wines, the ignon grapes there one that deserves to hog to beef up their the limelight is Marlborough Sauvignon Blanc.

largest wine company, may wine companies have had the first Mari- have also recborough Sauvignon success, ognized but Cloudy Bay is now the cult superiority of these New Zealand Sauvignon e, and there are others. I Nobilo, a familyhave long admired the stylish owned company Corbans Stoneleigh Sauvignon. The splendid '88 land, has recently Stoneleigh Sauvignon makes a fine February aperitif or accompaniment to fish dishes, with its fresh, herbaceous, nettley fruit and a little of the asparagus-like qualities of fine, aged Sauvignon. At £6.99 from Threshers, it is much better value than Cloudy Bay's £8.25-plus price-tag.

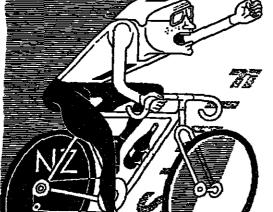
... Aged New Zealand wines, either Cabernet or Sauvignon, ware a rarity, but Wine Rack, Thresher's up-market wine -thop arm, has just snaffled up a small parcel of 1986 Montana Marlborough Sauvignon. Not everyone will like the intense cabbagey scent and green bean-like palate of this wine, but if you like a rich, concentrated, verdant fruit in your glass this is the wine for you (Wine Rack £5.99). Less Gilmour and the tastes of his adventurous Sauvignon lov- city clientele, has been given ers will enjoy the crisp, young. flowering currant-scented fruit The result is a spectacular, of the same wine's '88 vintage rich, perfumed, biscuity-The Sauvignon success of creamy mousse and full flaat Oddbins for £4.69. Montana and Cloudy Bay has your are absolutely de-

Mariborough area, own less characterfni blends. New

Montana, New Zealand's Zealand's own wine companies Sanvignon grapes. on the North Isreleased its stylish 89 Marlborough Sauvignon here. This spritzy, invigorating 89 is a powerful

combination of lychees, gooseberries and flowering current (Majestic Wine Warehouses £6.75, Averys, 7 Park Street, Bristol, £6.32). Good, modestly-priced,

non-vintage champagne looks like being a rarity this spring. If you are bored with your usual blend, try the Pavilion Wine Company's Ailerons et Baie Brut. This is the same wine as that from an important grandes marques champagne house, based in Ay, whose non-vintage Brut sells for much more. But this Ailerons blend, due to David considerably more bottle-age grapey champagne, whose



licious (£10.45 a bottle, increasing to £12.17 when stocks run out — cases only and the new prices get under way). (If you are wondering about the odd name, ailerons is the French word for fins and baie for berry. Pavilion is, of course, to be found at Finsbury Circus Gardens, Finsbury Circus, London EC2.) February deserves some de-

wine outlets are cheering up WINE BUYS

cent red wines, too, and smart

 1988 Vin de Pays de Vaucluse White, Vieux Chêne. Justerini & Brooks, 61 St James's Street, London SW1, £3.30. Splendid value white with an elegant scent.

● 1988 Vin de Pays de Vauctuse Red, Vieux Chêne, Justerini & Brooks, £3.30. Even better than the white,

with codies of ripe fruit.

their lacklustre good offers. The more appetizing are the three Côte de Francs wines that Victoria

Wine's buyers have tracked down. The Côte de those small, forgotten Bordeaux right bank regions that lies north-east of St Emilion. I visited this region a few years ago and found that,

catching up. Disappointingly, the bottle of '86 Puyguerand tic and robust, but the '86 Château du Vieux Chêne, with palate, makes a fine, Merlot-Côte de Francs, a very moreish, musky, perfumed

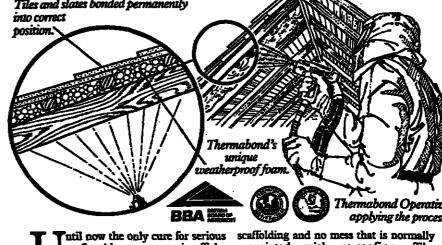
forget the supermarket shelves and some good Louis Jadot in their hunt for good cru offerings.

wine shops, but make certain that your chosen bottle has not spent weeks upright under neon lights by avoiding dusty bottles and choosing ones that post-New Year have been placed horizontally in wine-racks. Tesco, like Sainsbury, has been "racking best of these is the up" more of its shelves, and a Victoria Wine great February claret that can Company's Bor- be found there is Figeac's deaux promotion second wine, La Grange which continues Neuve de Figeac. Thierry until March 4. A Manoncourt from Figeac said litre bottle of Har- last week that he did not start vey's soft, easy- to produce his second label until 1981 and his two favourdrinking No 1 until 1981 and his two favour-Claret is available ite vintages so far are the '83 at the bottle price and '85. Tesco stocks the rich, of £3.89. Rather soft, velvety '85 for £7.99, as do Thresher/Wine Rack, and If you like the Chardonnay grape but lack the confidence to choose the right wine for

your taste-buds, the Fulham Road Wine Centre, 899-901 Francs is one of Fulham Road, London SW5. is where you should be between 10am and 9pm on Saturday February 17. This is the date for Fulham's free Chardonnay wine-tasting, although the Château de with more than 30 bottles Francs is the best producer, available for testing. New Puygueraud and others are Zealand is represented by wines that include Cloudy Bay's elegant, cinnamony '87 (Victoria Wine £5.99) that I and Hunter's restrained, flowtasted was unappetizingly rus- ery, green apple-like version. Australia is ably represented by the toothsome '86 Petits rich, plummy, cassis-like aluma from Coonawarra and Tarrawarra's equally fine '85 dominated Côte de Francs from the Yarra valley Califorexperience and is excellent nian Chardonnay fans can value (Victoria Wine £3.99). sample the Sonoma Cutrer '86 Better value still is the '88 or the amazing Au Bon Climat '87 which is rather more Burgundian in style than the mouthful (Victoria Wine French would like France gets a look-in, too, with the de-

Claret drinkers should not licious Le Mesnil champagne

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Seriously unfunny, truly unreal America

homas Pynchon, theatri-cal impresario and Invisible Man, presents his fourth great travelling show, after 17 years away from the circuit. Critics, feature writers, literary odd-jobbers - the whole peanut-crunching crowd have had ringside seats reserved for months. Steadily they move in, firing their questions like flashbulbs. How does it look? Is it any good? Where is he?

"He", that is Pynchon, is nowhere to be found of course. Still on the run from fame, he has become a refugee in his own country. His fabled elusiveness fascinates because his apparent paranoia is so close to that of his fictional characters. It is as if he is enacting his novels' predictions.

These books are garish acts of theatre which satirize, blackly, the fevered theatricality of modern America. His style — a sinister vaudeville - owes much to Nathanaci West, whose novel The Day of the Locust gave similar treatment to Hollywood. As it does in West, America exists so hugely in Pynchon that it seems unreal, like a dream: a secular miracle of groque superabundance, where the trashy and the ephemeral are the only constants; where foolish brand-names and sterile convenience stores multiply like humans: a land rigged with highways and junction-networks and desolate

Thomas Pynchon has closed the distance between himself and the world he used to menace. James Wood laments

threatens and confuses the poor civic explorer. Who is in control of this mess? We are not, for sure.
This confusion encourages, in many of us, paranoia, sudden flight, and prolonged quests. So Pynchon delights in secret worlds and underground agencies.

In V, his first novel, one of the characters discovers that the New York sewers are full of alligators: the Pynchon touch lies in his creation of a large team of exter-minators (the Alligator Patrol), a whole world working down in the stinks and effluents of society. In The Crying of Lot 49, easily his best novel, the search for a mysterious benefactor gets mixed up with a secret society who communicate by messenger post rather than by US

sustained by an electric tension between the "real" America and the novels' alternative or secret worlds -a tension, you could say, between an unreal reality and an unreal unreality. The difference between the two worlds is crucial, because it gives their occasional merging – as at the end of Lot 49, when the heroine wonders which America she lives in, the real or the imagined a dramatic force.

A thrilling place, but for His characters are truly un-Pynchon, also sinister. Such a land, moored, exiled from their own with its over-productive jungle, America and shadowed by "a

By Thomas Pynches Secker & Warburg, £14.95

silent, unsuspected world" which might turn out to be real or a mere figment of their paranoia. In Vineland, the secret threat is technological: in this world we can be crushed or cancelled out any day with "just a short tap dance over the com-puter keys". But the tension has collapsed in this fourth novel, and the book collapses with it.

group of ex-hippies living in Reagan's America
— people threatened not only with the con-equences of their Sixties liberality, but also by contemporary forces. One family in particular - Zoyd Wheeler and his teenage daughter Prairie - is terrorized by a shadowy FBI fascist called Brock Vond. He is searching for Zoyd's former wife, Frenesi (it will be clear that Pynchon hasn't lost his talent for cartoonish names), and, it seems will go to hideous lengths to find

There are flashbacks to the Sixties and to a student riot, but Pynchon's stance - Satirical? Comic? Earnest? — is so liquid that we are not involved. The plot

becomes cavemous and wayward. with more and more oddballs -FBI stooges, psychedelic monks, weird students — crowding the stage. The novel overloads, and Pynchon, in a frantic effort to keep it on course, pumps it up with hectic vandeville and strained

What happens is that the novel stops being serious. Pynchon's depiction of the Sixties has no bite, so his critique of Reagan's America has no authority either. That sense one had in his past novels, of reality as a magical affliction, half mirage and half menace, has gone. The tension between one kind of unreality and another kind, zanier or more sinister, has disappeared: we are in one world here, and everyone seems to be having a wacky time. There is none of the genuine human confusion that animated his previous works.

What has disappeared is any controlling moral authority. That tension and balance at which Pynchon was so good was essentially—as everything is in literature guistic. He made fun of America, and tweaked its certainties, but he kept a verbal distance from the excesses of his imagination, and this verbal distance was the author's guarantee: he wrote better than America lived. It was

the moral compass: it gave the

reader direction and perspective. And out of the squeezing of different verbal registers (literary, popular, technical) passages of great gorgeousness were thrown up. But Pynchon's language in Vineland is unable to contain the modernity it depicts. It simply merges with it, and all its ob-scurities — the loosened syntax, the modish lexicon, the pages of odd brand-names — are pointless because the language is no longer reorientating the world. It is simply

rearranging itself.

Pynchon uses the latest phrases like "user-friendly" or "seriously" (as in "seriously rich") but without keeping a distance from them. Whenever he mentions a film, he puts its release date after it in brackets, and the aim seems to be a comic historical specificity, the notation of passing ephemera. But what about Pynchon's own lange? When he writes (referring to the film star Clint Eastwood); "The dope cop permitted himself an Eastwood-style mouth-muscle nu-

ance", where is the necessary

distance, the "placing"?

In this novel Pynchon merges with the very world he used to menace, and it is sad to realize that this novel will fade just as fast as the sweet vulgarities and passing enthusiasms of the reality it describes. In 10 years time, Vineland will have to be annotated like a Ben Jonson comedy. And even then, no one will find it funny. The show, it seems, is over before it has really begun. We can all go home now and wait another 17 years.



No sense in worrying

FOR CHILDREN

Brian Alderson

A FOOT IN THE GRAVE By Joan Aiken estrated by Jan Pienkowski

"Honestly', said Mum. If you can't get a group of ghosts to behave sensibly, what hope is there for humans?" What hope indeed! None of the chthonic powers in these eight stories is any way sensible. Malicious perhaps, like old Mrs Wildeve, who tries to kill poor innocent Cherry just because Cherry had seen her trying to pinch a carton of cream. Or vengeful, like the massed hands that spill from Uncle Avvie's black bag and do kill him. And, as Mum said, the humans aren't much better obtuse, careless, too busy doing the laundry to perceive the terror that

is walking about so openly.

The accounts of these dreadful events come in the words of the children who have, at one remove or another, encountered them. The story-telling accents shift from generalized teenage, to vaguely posh, to sketchily Scottish, and this down to earth. It may not lessen the impact of the more powerful tales, like "Amberland", a mixture of dream and tragedy, but it can salt others with a dry, nonchalant humour. "It's got fond of us, see," says Janet, finally unable to get rid of the dead highwayperson's baby that Aunt Ada insisted on bringing

Jan Pienkowski supolies illustra tions of suitable ecriness. They are, however, composed with high sophistication out of cut-paper collages, and this is rather at odds with the flat or squawky tones of Joan Aiken's child narrators.



Eerie: the ghosts of "an old University Chanceller and a mangey dog"

The bearded Oliver Sacks, s widely recognized as a successful-neurologist and writer, is well-placed to play the Ancient Mariner and hold us with his latest thought-provoking tale: deafness in children, a more familiar topic for the layman than the nervous disorders he has written about previously. There is, he writes, one deaf child in every thousand. The inability to hear, if congenital or contracted early in life, imposes a double tragedy: because the early deaf child cannot hear, he also cannot

speak. Seeing Voices is chiefly concerned with this most serious category, the profoundly deaf.
In 1755 the Abbé de l'Epée, moved by the plight of the impoverished deaf in Paris, founded their first school the National Institution for Deaf-Mutes. This great humanitarian also invented the first sign language, basing it on the mimicry of the Parisian deaf poor. It forms the basis of contemporary Sign, the system so widely used

with the Berlin Wall in ruins, and the Evil Empire fraying at the edges, is the spy thriller finished? Of course not, but the plethora set against dreary CIA/KGB/is-this-World-War-Three backgrounds should happily come to an end. Glasnost can give the genre a welcome shot in the arm if it leads to fresh settings and a new

Ted Allbeury solves the problem by returning to what he knows best - British agents working with the Resistance in wartime France. Philip Maclean is the brilliant leader of an SOE network. The great love of his youth, Anne-Marie Duchard, is now his wife and one of his closest lieutenants. In what seems to be an accolade for his success, Maclean is flown to London for a personal interview with Winston Churchill, who orders him to launch a wave of partisan attacks on the Germans in preparation for an invasion late in 1943. There is no invasion and the network is betrayed - systematically rounded up, tortured, shot. Maclean dies in Auschwitz.

Forty years later, an awkward question in Parliam all record of this tragedy has vanished. Harry Chapman of MI6 is ordered to France to discover the truth. A surprising number of the agents are still alive, including Maclean's wife, with a bitter story to tell. Can it be that Churchill deliberately betayed them as part of a sordid deal with Stalin?

As ever, Ted Allbeury captur the life of Parisian cases and the French countryside lyrically; his characters are cleanly drawn; the wartime atmosphere of bitterness and mistrust pervades everything.

• War of the Raven, by Andrew Kaplan (Century, £12.95). This too tracks back to the Second World War - Buenos Aires in 1939. Will Argentina side with Hitler, giving him the South Atlantic, or stay neutral? The United States has not yet entered the war, but yanqui agent Stewart is spying busily, hand-in-glove with a camp Brit called Fowler, when he isn't tucked Grieving over the death of her cantankerous father, Marianne North found herself alone in their

London home with only her dead parent's green parakeet for com-pany, "After a while," she wrote, "it

found out I was only a woman, and

Unhappily for Dea Birkett, the closer she drew to her Victorian

lady explorers, whose stories she has skilfully meshed into Spinsters

Abroad, the less she liked them, too.

Their greatest sin was to view themselves as "winte men", laying

equal stress on their colour and their misplaced gender. This makes them uneasy role

models, to say the least. Carting

liked me no more.

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for the deaf in both Europe and America sprang from these Parisian origins, and with the founding in 1864 of Gallaudet College in Wash-ington DC, education for the deaf seemed to be progressing well. However, the proposal that they could and should be taught to speak aloud began to find favour, and when Alexander Graham Bell, whose mother and wife were both deaf, lent his considerable authority and expertise to the move-ment, it took hold worldwide. In 1880 the International Congress of Educators of the Deaf, meeting in Milan, made the sweeping decision officially to forbid the future teaching of Sign. Professor Sacks be-lieves the Milan decision was

Seeing Voices Sacks maintains

linguist nor a child specialist, he has been merely an observer with no axe to grind. But his enquiry into the training of the deaf and their acquisition of language led him inevitably to the fascinat-ing but highly controversial the-ories of Noam Chomsky. Chomsky's is the most recent voice to be heard in the ancient debate: is the human brain capable of innate ideas or is it, at birth, a tabula, rasa? He has modified his original ideas considerably over the years, but essentially he holds the belief that

there may exist in our brains a

Isabel Butterfield

SEEING-VOICES By Oliver Sacks Pan Books, £12.95

he suggests, "a genius for guage", and may be ali construct a grammar from ... the parents play[ing] an tial but only facilitating role b. or, alternatively and less contro sially, that there exists in the chibrain a natural ability to create s

Sacks, combining his enthusi: for Chomsky with his neurolog training, gives some weight to interesting hypothesis. W admitting that modern me? does not yet understand the

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THRILLERS

Michael Hartland

A TIME WITHOUT SHADOWS By Ted Alibeary New English Library, £11.95

aristocratic Julia Vargas. The character of Julia is brilliantly etched, rejecting her husband and all he stands for, protecting her hunted lover, and losing her reason

The Graf Spee arrives to back up the pro-Nazis, and with Stewart's help the Royal Navy ambush her in the River Plate. As espionage the story is pretty thin, but Andrew Kaplan's portrait of a corrupt and neurotic Latin American society is riveting — if you don't throw up. There are a wealth of powerful, if scenes, interspersed with Stewart's hideous torture at the hands of the Argentine secret police. Kaplan relies too much on violence to shock, and goes over the top with the sadistic whipping of a girl for a loating audience in a nightclub, The writing has the force of a sledgehammer, but one can be more incisive with a scalpel.

● Sheckwave, by Colin Fortes (Pan, £12.95). Our hero once again is Tweed, the colourless intelligence officer who has fronted previous Forbes thrillers. This time he is faced with an accusation of raping and murdering a mystery woman in

his flat, and flees into snowbound Europe, accompanied by faithful Paula Grey. In a somewhat unlikely scenario, he is pursued by every Western security service, directed by arrogant politician Lance

Bnckmaster.

As luckless Tweed zig-zigs across the Black Forest being zapped by everyone, does the explanation lie in the hijacking of a slup carrying a giant defence computer? Tweed was responsible for its security have the Russkis nicked it? Glasnost has already dated this part of the story beyond repair, but the Buchanesque pursuit of Tweed just

● The Armalite Maiden, by Jonathan Kebbe (Heinemann, £12.95).
Jonathan Kebbe's first novel is a gritty terrorist thriller, written with the vividness and authority of a man who is going places. The IRA is not a promising subject, but it is tackled here with rare sensitivity and insight. Annie McBride is a Provo activist in her twenties, suddenly horrified by the carnage when she plants a bomb that kills dozens of young sokliers. Their commander, Marcus King, is black, revered by his men, but a pain in the neck to the Army for his unorthodox methods.

As Annie is appalled by the blood-letting so King is shocked by the military backlash against inno-cent Catholics in Derry. He is unjustly branded a deserter and pursued across Ireland by two death squads, one SAS, the other IRA, finding an unlikely ally in Annie, who is also fleeing. The two character studies are stark butcompassionate; and Mr Kebbe grips his reader with tensions that can only end in tragedy.

◆ Writing these round-ups for a couple of months has been a pleasant change from the politics and real-life espionage that I usually cover on these pages. But to go on much longer will have all my all the life. fellow thriller-writers taking out a contract on me, so back to non-fiction while I still have, I hope, a

Feeling free to dance

Nigella Lawson

JAZZ CLEOPATRA Josephine Baker in Her Ti By Phyllis Rose Chatto & Windus, £18

is the common practic showbiz stars to dedicate the selves to the purveying of town myth. It is not so, m gance with the fact, that all them to plot their trajectoric stardom so as to put maxiremphasis on their even shimmering achievement, sephine Baker was mistress of own myth, and fantasy pl much part in its construction; the facts of the case need embellishment.

Her beginnings are the stullegend: the poor black girl from Louis who at the age of eight out skivvying to support a ne'cal well family, the Cinderella danced her way out of the si and caught the attention of a American woman on the look for something exotic to talk Paris. By the time she was 20 legend had been created. Joseph became "la Baker", whose "cl-olate arabesques" had won ove; tout Paris.

But this wasn't the onlysephine Baker. Scarcely ma older, she wrote her memoirs ar novel, then donned the uniforn a lieutenant in the Women's Auiary of the Free French Air Fo later to be adorned by the Croix guerre and Légion d'honneur: de became a champion of the c

Exploring women beyond

their European sensibilities along with the evening dresses, the cut glass and napery of their very cumbersome baggage, they could add only short lines to the explorer's map. "I do not hanker after Zanzibar," declared Mary Kingsley, "but only to go puddling about obscure districts in West Africa after raw fetish and fresh-water fish." As explorers, they were not necessarily observant: "All these men and all these women are

extraordinarily alike," wrote Con-

Cumming from Canton. Birkett mar-

shals her brood of women - Victorian in spirit if not always in time — from the

circumscribed worlds of their mothers and sisters, through the borders of gentility in colonial settlements where administrators

wives wore sun helmets in the bath,

Victorian Lady Explorers ... By Des Birkett Blackwell, £14.95

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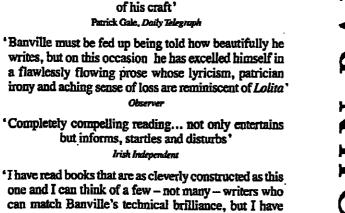
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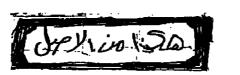
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Sebrain chemistry underlying our Consistent doubted talent for grammar, he points out that the language centres of the brain have been well-known ferent for a long time; and observations Childrebased on patients who have suftween begged strokes and lost only their two and grammatical competence could be a grains interpreted as supporting,

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s a simple, easily learnt form of many as objecture-making which reflects the some versional language of the Signer. bi pothesis. inguist, William Stokoe, at Gallauat modern mild in the Fifties, most linguists microsand solvadays see Sign as an indepen- language all their own.

dent language commanding a syn-tax, a rich vocabulary, and a grammar of its own; persuasive evidence, perhaps, for the theories of Noam Chomsky. Sacks closes his book with an account of the spirited but eloquently silent campaign by deaf students at Gallaudet in the spring of 1988, which led to the election of the first ever deaf president of their college.

Seeing Voices, despite its visionary title, is not an entirely satisfactory book. Though dedicated and compassionate, it gives the im-pression of being hastily put together. Made up of three separate articles written between 1985 and 1988, it is festooned with too many lengthy footnotes and cross-references, for which the author disarmingly apologizes in advance. Sacks, however, certainly manages to convey his own sympathetic view of the deaf as an attractive, self-reliant minority, with a highly developed sensibility and a vivid



Diess formal: Paris darling Josephine Baker, in chanteuse-chic mode

lights movement in America, and we birth to her own "family of "man" in the Dordogne, a "rainbow Tabe" of children of all races.

Paris, she had said, was what made the imagining of such a future possible. Her black skin had barred her from success in America, while Propened doors in France. The account she first experienced may have been the freedom of being patronized as an exotic, but it was still better than the virulent racism with which she was accosted in her

Own-country. No wonder she was grateful to the French, even if they did praise her "primitive jungle elegance" and tastigate her when her revised act

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dies claim: "I should be very the by the possession of a vote," and those Marianne North, "and those

Sensible women would certainly

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tecame a journalist's cliché) they denied official recognition,

Poot use it if they had one."

didn't seem quite black enough "restore your faith in dusky revelry" -- for they had, at least, made her a star. And it was her intelligence work for them during the war that led her to be dissatisfied with the confines of the stage.

Phyllis Rose is never quite equal to the contortionist vitality of her subject. Anxious in tone, her ruminations are clothed in the phrase-turning ponderousness of Vogue captions from a more earnest eta. Still, it could have been worse: the book was "conceived" during preliminary research for a

the pale decerum and masculine achieve-

> Because their discoveries were largely of the self, rather than the world, they became at the end tired, lonely old women, playing solo bridge in Kent or patience in Baghdad, donning African bangles to jangie around their terrace houses. Only the dreams of their savage lands remained. That's the trouble with wandering," said Ger-trude Bell, "it has no end."

PAPERBACKS

On the box, from poets' corner

unacknowledged legislators of the world, they are often to be found legislating on books in the national and academic Press. Though a lower form of literature, reviewing

is a surer means of relieving the

penury that is a poet's tradi-

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Such a poet is D.J. Enright, except that Fields of Vision, which is in part an anthology of Enright's best essay-reviews for the likes of the New York Review of Books and the TLS, devotes only one in three of its sections to literature. Another section is on language, and the third is a series of pieces, published here for the first time, on television — not a subject which tends to detain

unacknowledged legislators, but one on which Enright has a great

deal to say.

His utterly sensible opinions on television's most urgent issues sex, violence, and the "you can always switch it off" arguments leave nothing to be desired. His admiration for the people's medium is not unreserved, but when he does admire he admires keenly and wittily. His chapter on the winning puns of Basil Brush is the finest (although very possibly the only) essay on the subject.

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He has many a kind word for

FIELDS OF VISION By D.J. Raright Oxford, £5.95

Jasper Rees admires the urbane intelligence of D.J. Enright

vision"), and adjudges the Royal Family as the most tireless purvey-ors of, and actors in, the genre. He suffers Spitting Image, but worries that "its faces have begun to edge out the real ones. I have met the Queen once, and thought her a handsome woman, yet it is the later caricature that now usurps the real

Coming from a writer who marshals his words with regimental precision, that "handsome" is probably loaded. Certainly, one of the funniest moments in the section on language is when he finds out that commercial television's nickname for the Queen's broadcast is "Corgi and Bess".

Enright has a subtle feel for absurdity which makes his reports on neologisms, oriental loan-words and semantic change (for better or worse) such a delight to read. He is in favour of pedantry (why use "literate" to compliment a writer on his way with words when all it motes is his or anyone else's ability to read and write them?), although this reviewer begs to criticize his, and anyone else's,

slack use of the word "partially". Enright's considerations of litcrature, as of language, are not merely reviews. His portrait of the satirist Karl Krans doubles up as a portrait of Viennese culture between the wars, incorporating Musil, Mann, and Canetti (on whom there is also an essay). He also writes stirringly on two transatlantically exiled Slavs, Milosz and Kvorecky.

His prose is so measured, his intelligence so urbane and felicitous, his reading so wide, that he often gives the impression that he could have written the book up for review himself.

This is hard luck on the writer of the book, but good news for the

Screen dreams

FICTION

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LAST EXIT TO

BROOKLYN

By Hubert Selby Jr

Paladin, £3.99

DELIVERANCE

By James Dickey

Abacus, £3.99

IN COUNTRY

By Bobbie Ann Mason

Flamingo, £3.99

THE LOST WEEKEND

By Charles Jackson

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ubert Selby Jr's first novel was published in America in 1964. Though its supporters were uniform in their admiration for its "cinematic" prose, it has taken a quarter of a century to bring it to the screen.

Last Exit to Brooklyn is the 10minute egg of hard-boiled realism.

It is not Selby's best book, but it has in essence all of his qualities: an almost obsessional feel for lan-guage, an unflinching attention to violent and sordid detail, and a ferocious moralism that is totally lost in Uli Edel's eleverly intercut screen adaptation of Selby's six, apparently dis-

continuous, narratives. Edel's version of the most notorious of these, the gang-rape of the prostitute "Tra-lala", is rather more like a Mathan Selby's brutally shocking verbal and phys-

Of all the monsters writers can't get out of is the one that film directors most often flinch from portraying.

ical assault.

The taboo is compounded when the victim is male. James Dickey was alleged to be President Jimmy Carter's favourite poet. Nothing in the verse, though, could have prepared anyone for the maeistrom of Deliverance, which comes, like Last Exit, headed with grim Old Testament epigraphs.
In Dickey's only novel, four city

friends head off into the southern mountains for a Hemingwayish canoe-ride down a river valley soon to be flooded by a dam. Step by insidious step, their civilized armour is stripped away.
In the 1972 film, director John

of Dickey hesitates only at the point where one of the friends is sexually assaulted by a mountain-man. But what Boorman could not capture so successfully is Dickey's quiet insistence that the most profound and educative loss is of the power of narrative itself, of uage, the men's complete in-

ability in the disaster that overtakes

Boorman's headlong appropriation

them to "get their story straight". It takes a less hair-raising journey convince 18-year-old Sam Hughes that the war which took away her father was more than a compound of Bruce Springsteen

lyrics and the tall stories of her secretly traumatized uncle. Emmet. Bobbie Ann Mason's first novel is

about growing up, both a child's Growing up involves recognizing the reality of the war. Driving to Washington with Emmet, Sam reads the letters and journals her father wrote "in country". She finds her name inscribed in the black

marble of the Vietnam Memorial, unfamiliarly surrounded with ranks and serial numbers. The book's road movie elements are less evident in print than in Norman Jewison's screen version, but so too are some of its heavier-handed symbols played down. Is Emmet's acne a symptom of Agent Orange, as

Sam thinks, or

merely of an arrested adolescence much like her own? Mason's grasp of dialogue, together with her sense of the importance of popular cultural images of recent history, rescue the book from portentous-

The themes of Jackson's 1944

novel The Lost Weekend - alcoholism, homosexuality - were almost untouchable then, and it took a director of Billy Wilder's subtlety and confident amorality to turn it into an Academy Awardwinning film the following year. But, in retrospect, Jackson's novel is another text about the transposition of language and images. Birnam is a failed writer, constantly pawning his typewriter to buy bourbon. He is set on his period of riot by a line in Crime and Punishment, but he is as beyond retribution or deliverance as he is beyond even ambiguous heroism. The man of words finds himself caught up in a cinematic swirl. some of it dreamt, some real, but none of it in his power of control.



Europe's gowned head

tifled by decades of Communist rule, the surviving remnants of Eastern Europe's royal houses are now sniffing the fresh air of revolution for any scent of popular desire for their reinstatement. If the chorus of approbation has so far been at best patchy, so too was the record of the thrones concerned. But one figure towers indisputably above the faintly Ruritanian average. Queen Marie of Roumania vas a volatile, glamorous powerhouse, an essentially good woman who entirely overshadowed her

band, King Ferdinand. Distressed at their second-rate emissaries being trampled upon by the Great Powers at the 1919 Versailles peace conference which carved up Europe in the aftermath of the Great War, the Roumanians sent in their Queen to charm the socks off Clemenceau, Lloyd George, Woodrow Wilson and the rest of the big guns, who had little sympathy with her country's claims to the return of lost territory. She

worthy but dim, jug-cared hus-

Alan Hamilton

OUEEN OF ROUMANIA The life of Princess Marie, grand-daughter of Queen Victoria By Hannah Pakula Eland Books, £9.95

arrived in Paris with 60 gowns, 31 coats, 29 hats and 83 pairs of shoes. What if," she remarked, "for the lack of a gown, a concession should be lost?

Born the daughter of Queen Victoria's second son, Alfred, at Eastwell Park, Kent, in 1875, her expansive manner and constant entertaining - all for the sake of diplomacy — shocked her strait-laced cousin, George V, when she stayed at Buckingham Palace, but she wowed America during a visit at the height of the Jazz Age. Only Calvin Coolidge, another president cast in the same puritanical mould as Wilson, failed to be bowled over by her, as Wilson alone failed to be

in Paris. But her mission was not in vain; thanks in part to her energetic efforts, Roumania came away from Versailles with its population and territory more than doubled.

Hannah Pakula's biography is thoroughly and meticulously researched, and relies in large part on Queen Marie's letters in the National Archives in Bucharest (one is not a little surprised that they survived Ceansescu). The result is almost unfailingly favourable towards a woman who, while not in the world-class tragic category of, say, Mary Queen of Scots, was in every way bigger than her small and downtrodden country might suggest. Indeed, if Hannah Pakula is to be believed, the only bad thing Marie ever did was to give birth to her son and heir, Carol II, an unreliable and unlovable character who subsequently did more than anyone to ruin the reputation of the Roumanian throne. Perhaps, instead of parading her gowns in the corridors of power at Versailles, Marie should have stayed at home to bring up the children.

Thinking man's church?

ishop Hugh Montetiore lived through most of the last decade as Bishop of Birmingham, some of it in the politically sensitive post of chairman of the church's Board for Social Responsibility. As such he was a combatant in several of the

skirmishes between church and government which enlivened the period. He is also a theological liberal, though not immoderately so, and left of centre, again far short of the extreme. In Christianity and Politics,

based partly on the Drummond Lectures he gave last year, Bishop Montefiore breaks down the Church of England's involvement in politics in the last 150 years into four stages. The first was the Christian Social Movement, associated with F.D. Maurice and Charles Kingsley, which interested itself in co-operatives and workers' education; the second, linked with Charles Gore, was the age of the Christian Social Union, more recognizably left-wing in contem-

The third most productive stage he associates with Archbishop Wil-

or those whose wish to get

South Africa off the inter-

Clifford Longley CHRISTIANITY AND

POLITICS By Hugh Monteflore Macmillan, £9.99

_Temple, influenced by R.H. Tawney. Temple and Tawney laid the foundations of what was later to become the post-war consensus on economic and social policy in Britain, with its emphasis on state welfare and on the importance of social structure in upholding justice, in reaction to the poverty — of resources and of ideas — of the inter-war years. The fourth stage of social thinking began when Temple died in 1944, since when "there has been a vacuum".

It is not that the churches have been inactive in the area of social concern. They have simply not thought sufficiently deeply about the problems of contemporary society. Their main failure "has been their inability to analyse the theological issues which underlie the differences in the main political

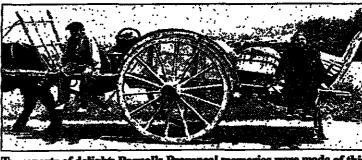
years, he admits, there has been a sizeable increase in the quantity of Church of England comment on political affairs, measured not least by debates in the General Synod.

The reason lies in the Government's rejection of the consensus politics of previous decades. He insists that the church and its chief spokesmen had a positive duty to subject these new policies to "Christian scrutiny" which is to be done "in the light of the middle axioms which the church has

developed". This presents a difficulty, of which Dr Montefiore seems in-sufficiently aware. What can be the value of this Christian scrutiny if there is such a critical gap in the churches' theological equipment? These middle axioms are surely no more than the generalized ex-pressions of the political consensus

of the post-war years.

The filling of the vacuum has to start from somewhere, and this intelligent review of the theological and political developments of the recent past would be a good place to start. But not a good place to stop.



Transports of delight: Pagnol's Provençal memories were made of Summer thyme

ne spring during the first years of this century, when Marcel Pagnol was about 10, his father, a schoolmaster in Marseilles, brought home some exciting news. He and his brother-in-law had rented a cottage in the hills of Provence and the two families were to spend the summer

Broken-down furniture was quickly bought, Hazel Leslie laboriously ren ovated and finally piled on to a farmer's cart for the journey

into the hills. Marcel, his vonneer brother Paul, his mother and his father carrying his little

sister - toiled up the steep, winding road. The scene reminds one of the family's arrival in the first of Pagnol's two novels, Jean de Florette and Manon of the Springs, and there are many of these echoes in the account of the golden time that the young Pagnol spent in the countryside of Provence.

This memoir consists of the first two volumes of Pagnol's longer autobiography, Memories of Childhood. As a playwright and film-maker, he approached the task of autobiography most humbly and with some apprehension, having, as he says in his preface, no actors to hide behind in this situation. But it is partly his film-maker's eye and instinct for juxtaposition that make

the book so vivid

became bosom friends with a peasant boy, Lili. While Marcel's father and his uncle were off with their guns, the two boys roamed the hills, setting snares, and Pagnol recalls every smallest path and outcrop of that wild, thyme-scented He also recalls the feelings

accompanying this childhood idyll, often of anxiety, pain and betrayal. Pagnol never under-estimated

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MY FATHER'S GLORY and MY MOTHER'S CASTLE By Marcel Pagnol Translated by Ritz Barisse André Deutsch, £8.95

like Manon, suffered for his parents and there is a scene where the small boy is humiliated to see his father apparently bettered by his

uncle during a shooting expedition. He felt himself betrayed at the

end of the summer when the time came to go back to the city. The adults seemed astonishingly sanguine about the event and were even quite looking forward to it, but to the child it was like the end of the world. He decided to hide out in a cave in the hills. "Above all you mustn't worry," he wrote to his parents in his farewell note. "It won't do any good. I have now found my vocation. It is: a hermit."

But fear got the better of bravado and the would-be hermit returned to school. A few years later his mother was dead, and the time in the hills was like a dream.

national agenda is temproject on Hemingway. Jazz pered by a desire for real Cleopatra has at least spared understanding and a lasting solution, there could be no better us that guide to the Afrikaner's history and his psyche than Marq de Villiers's and only in 1913 were they finally admitted into the ranks of the book. Like myself he is an eighth-Royal Geographical Society, overgeneration descendant of a French coming male fears that they would Huguenot family which, in 1688, turn the RGS into a register office found religious sanctuary in the for "teachers and governesses and Cape of Good Hope, there to meld with the Dutch and German setthat kind of thing".

So what of their achievements? tlers and to forge Africa's only white tribe. The story of the tribe's wanderings in a harsh land, its constantly frustrated dreams of escape from alien cultures and foreign domination, its growing sense of a special identity and mission, its determination to survive and, above all, its visceral sense of its own Africanness, is an

White will to survive

Fleur de Villiers

WHITE TRIBE DREAMING By Marq de Villiers Penguin, £5.99

however, it has been belittled by hostile observers, or inflated by the tribe's own scribes into a sacred history. De Villiers falls into neither trap. Instead he brings to his oft-told tale. All too frequently, , task a perspective which benefits required - and salutary - reading. | During that summer Marcel

from both distance and deep understanding. With critical but clear-eyed compassion he examines how and why the Afrikaner dream turned sour, and how its own will to freedom led it into the paths of oppression and privilege.

His book, however, is no apologia for apartheid. Its author is the journalist son of a great South African editor, both of them members of the forgotten band of Afrikaner liberals. The liberal dream of an inclusive South Africanism, embracing all races, languages and tribes, is beginning to seem both feasible and attractive to many who once rejected it as heresy. But it will be realized only if the world takes due account of the Afrikaners' undiminished will to survive in the land which created them. For those who regard them as irrelevant to South Africa's future, White Tribe Dreaming is

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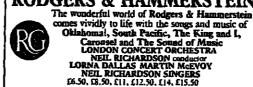
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Tears and cheers

FEFFISION Sheridan Morley

is the wake of Lord Justice Laylor's terrifying report on the Hillaborough tragedy, Public Eye (BBC 2) brought forward a report on football hooliganism which on sought out the ring-leaders and talked for the first time to the leader of the new National Football Intelligence Unit, Superinten-

dent Adrian Appleby.

He revealed the military discipline of the most organized boolings groups, all of whom now appoint field-marshals and apparaments appoint field-marshals and apparaments. eatly see themselves involved in a

The current English disease costs £10 million a year in policing London football grounds alone. As Lord Taylor has noted, there is no other sport in the civilized world at which it is necessary to the civilized world at which it is necessary to keep spectators from attacking each

There are still no easy answers: fings carry on talking to cameras of their need for "a bit of adrenalia" — provided by kicking rival supporters in the groin — and the police say that at least 500 recognized hooligans will be among British fams at this sumer's World Cup in Italy. The testion is, how many more bloodbaths before soccer matches are halted for, I would suggest, a 10-year cooling-off period? Since Lord Rees-Mogg is warn-

ing breadcasters of the dangers of American television rubbish rain-ing down on us, it is perhaps worth recalling that whereas we tend to expert our best programmes to the United States, even non-satellite stations here import America's worst. Little of the output of the US Channel 13 public-broadcast network gets shown to us.

All the more reason, therefore, to cheer the return of Cheers, which last night started a new Channel 4 series and time-slot with its 117th episode, The up-wardly mobile yupple Rebecca is now, to her horror, having erotic dreams about the slobbish bartender Sam, the kind of man who keeps his shirt unbuttoned in order to scratch his stomach. But help is on the horizon in the shape of our very own Royal Shake Roger Rees, following John Cleese as the series' resident Englishman.

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Earlier on 4, Bamber Gascoigne started an immensely lavish six-part series on the Great Moglads - not, you understand, men like Cecil B. de Mille er even Lord Grade, but instead figures such as Baber and Akber, founding fathers of the vast Moslem Enspire rathers of the vast Moslem Empire in 16th century India. Gascoigne's starter for 10 has been at the back of his mind for the 20 years since he first started asking questions about the Moglanis on University Challenge, and the long pregnancy shows in every frame of a tichly textured mix of historical lecture and layish neriod travelnous. and levish period travelogue.

Porridge and poetry

RADIO Martin Cropper

Lewes Prison is an unremarkable Victorian gaol - 500 cons, 50 of them lifers - with an unusual attraction for the scribbling classes. Five years ago one James Campbell gained permission to set up shop in B Wing, where he daily interviewed inmates and staff for menths on end, a project which resulted in his book Gate Fever. And for the past three years Stephen Plaice has been "writer in residence", the word "residence" to be taken equivocally.

Whispers on the Wing (Radio 4,

Thursday) was an absorbing and evocative documentary that used Plaice's working day to compile a dossier of the autobiographical rethinks and special pleading that characterize the ideational life of those who cannot quite grasp the connection between cause and connection between cause and effect. A well-spoken and often percipiest queen refuted the received idea of prisons as academies of crime, his rationale being that such places are "filled with failed professors". This does not

entirely add up.

Much of the prison population is indeed certifiably educationally subnormal – a circumstance which may well account for their presence - but many cons are brilliant failures, creative accountants and so on who came within an ace of

pulling it off.
"Jew know Duncan Campbell?" demanded a Central Casting voice out of Porridge. "E done these — er — articles. Nice fella." Mr Voice proceeded to detail how he was "one undred per cent fitted up", and to boast of his credentials. "Pre 'ad the truth drug. Pre 'ad

hypnosis . . lie detector."

Sach material makes the rest of Radio 4 sound thin, wan and rather marginal.

The programme was mercifully light on the poetry or "poetry" which (we gather) progressively assurps the thieving impulse if applied in the correct desage. Villon must be spitting in his gravy. But the balladeers of Lewes gaol did supply odd moments of illumination. "Someone is having my summer out there," intened an usuamed Plaiceman, and the sense of loss appropriate to genuine art came across unmediated by the bricks and the clanging doors and the degrading stenches that not even the BBC has yet found a way of rendering on sir.

John Higgins reviews Prince Igor at Covent Garden, and John Percival assesses the choreography

Red carpet fit for a prince

orodin's Prince Igor is back at Covent Garden after half a century and is staged, quite rightly, as an operatic spectacular. In view of the Royal Opera House's continuing financial problems it might be the last of that breed for a year or two.

Those attending the next seven performances will find massive forces before them, including the much publicized members of the Royal Ballet, expertly handled by the producer, Andrei Serban. Deidre Clancy's costumes, in their range and glitter, are among the best seen here for a long time and could have pleased Diaghilev

Of course it will be questioned whether Igor, notoriously difficult to stage despite familiar music, is worth all the effort and expenditure. And the simple answer is that once the decision was made, the best approach was to show total confidence in it.

Covent Garden has done just that, especially in the matter of casting Russia and Bulgaria have been raided for all the principal roles and for once there is the authentic Slavic sound on stage. The gain is even greater because one or two singers take on a new power back in their accustomed language: Sergei Leiferkus in the title role, a disappointing di Luna last summer, is quite a different proposition as Igor, and much the same applies to Paata Burch-uladze, who has had his struggles with the Italian language, as Khan

The production team of Serban and his old mentor, Liviu Ciulei, is Romanian, and a bit of distancing from the Russian history books does not come amiss. Igor's world is one of a punishing God, represented by a wooden church spire gutted in the final act after the Polovisians have been on the rampage. The latter, under Khan Konchak, live beneath a languorous southern sun — Ciulei has produced a ravishing set for Act II, fringed with the sort of reeds Serban used for the Welsh National Opera's Onegin on his British début. But, come sun or snow, the norm in 12th-century Russia is rape, boozing and pillage in that order. Serban made the point fairly graphically with a bit of nudity on stage, which might have caused some of the booing at

Those who derided might have paused for a moment to admire

the skill with which Serban covered most of the admitted longueurs in Igor. His manipulation of stage space, despite the clumsiness of one or two of Ciulci's sets, is exemplary, opening out the action and closing it in almost without effort. leor himself is a passive figure.

His one moment of decision, a choice between honouring his status as a trusted prisoner of the Polovisians — not a bad place to be a PoW if you are of the right rank — or escaping to lead his people again, is perfunctorily treated. But before that comes his great aria of remorse at his failures; Leiferkus, despite a brief dry patch, delivered this with noble tone. At such moments Igor

reaches towards *Boris*.

Whether it was wise to have his vision of his wife Yaroslavna represented at this point in the flesh is questionable. Anna Tomowa-Sintow no longer looks like Borodin's young girl in this melaucholic role. She had some vocal control problems in her first aria, but then in the final act, when Yaroslavna reckons all is lost for Russia and berself, Tomowa produced some of that radiant so-prano sound which for so long bewitched Salzburg.

own among the Polovisians, Burch-uladze put on a characteristically ripe performance Konchak, his bass welling up from a half naked torso. As his daughter. Elena Zaremba in her house début caught the ear at once with a smoky and seductive mezzo - and appearance to match - not often encountered. Alexei Steblianko as her lover disappointed. The villainous Galitsky is often doubled with Konchak, but Covent Garden cast a second bass in the shape of Nicolai Ghiuselev, who was hard stretched to sing his aria while groping a half-naked doxy.

After a shaky start from the sopranos the chorus was in first-class fettle. Bernard Haitink clearly loves this opera, delighting in its raw vigour and its streaks of melancholy. It was a delight to hear the Polovisian Dances played in the opera house under a topflight conductor. And for a report on that section of the evening I hand over to John Percival . . .

John Higgins



A high-spirited Fokine revival

might have been relieved when he saw the limited space allowed by Livin Ciulei's rented him from creating the new dances for Prince Igor.

But for Christopher Newton, given the task instead of putting on Polovisian dances with less than six days' preparation, there was the complication that adapting them spatially necessitated reduc-ing the numbers — besides having

of the drama - to an ensemble of chorus ladies and voluptuaries. In spite of this, or perhaps aspired by all the challenges,

there was no lack of spirit from the

dancers of the Royal Ballet, even if Stephen Jefferies, as the chief warrior, might have welco more time to practise catching his long-bow after hurling it high above him. In these circumstances, he had to rely on personality (no lack of that) and his pirouettes to

they lacked in numbers.

Bernard Haitink's conducting

gave them greater vigour and a more luscious tone than this sequence customarily gets out of context; the Polovisian youths and maidens benefited from the former quality; the slave girls, featuring Elizabeth McGorian, from the latter. If the dancers had set out to prove that they are not secondclass citizens, they made their

John Percival

Strauss on song

CONCERT Noël Goodwin

RPO/Ashkenazy Festival Hall

Sopranos who can get inside the Four Last Songs of Richard Strauss and illuminate the spirit of the music are much fewer than the number who attempt them. Maria Ewing put herself among that select few when she sang them with the Royal Philharmonic Orchestra - starting at the end, as it were, to bring the RPO back to the last instalment of its long-running Strauss series.

The secret is in the "weiter stiller Friede" the spacious, in-ward peace voiced in the last stanza of the last song, and although one obviously does not have to be an octogenarian, as Strauss was when he compos them, to share what was in his mind and heart, I maintain that no singer can do so without some comparable sense of fulfillment in their own experience.

The soprano this time touched the chord of deeper response in "September", the second song, after finding the higher phrases in the opening "Fruhling" almost a strain. The other songs brought curving mellifluously to achieve a benediction of gentle beauty, while Vladimir Ashkenazy shaped an orchestral texture that revealed the subtlety of the scoring.

They were followed by the conflated suite from Der Rosenkavalier which Strauss appears to have sanctioned two or three years before the songs, but never dis-closed who put it together. Once past some untity playing in the operatic prelude, the heady preponderance of waltz rhythms was pretty forcefully driven here.

ectively caught. Conductor and orchestra had found their way back to Strauss by way of Wagner, from whose Parsifal a different kind of suite perhaps furrowed a few brows in filling the first part of the programme. This patchwork of exyears ago by Erich Leinsdorf, often with audible joins at the seams.

Some well-judged tempi from the conductor brought warmth of string tone, some fine woodwind and majestic brass, but it remains unsatisfactory as a musical contrivance because of the compressed time-scale of the events

Depressing chic beyond musical renewal



Valérie Chouanière in fully staged piece Trois Contes

ast August, Kurt Masur won a tremendous reception in the Royal Albert Hall when

he conducted an joyous Proms performance of Beethoven's Cho-

ral Symphony. Few Promenaders

would have predicted that, within

two months, this bulky, bearded

and gentlemanly maestro would become a prominent player in

The 62-year-old Masur, who has

been conductor of the Leipzig Gewandhaus Orchestra for the last

20 years, is now back in London,

for tomorrow's Festival Hall con-

cert with the London Philharmonic. As he told The Times, he had a premonition of the

"From the beginning of 1989 I had told my friends that some-

thing was in the air. I felt the same

way as I did before the Second

World War, that tension inside

Europe was growing, that some-

When the demonstrations did

start, Leipzig was in the forefront. At the Gewandhaus, musicians united in the belief that they

should use their privileged pos-

ition, as East Germany's premier

orchestra, to press for reform and

to persuade the doomed Honecker

administration not to react vi-

olently. "I fought for 16 years for

my own freedom - to travel, for

instance," says Masur. "I got it

because the government could not

"Then came that day, October

9, when everyone feared that East

Germany might be heading into a

Chinese or Romanian situation."

Masur, as the leading non-political

"establishment" figure in Leipzig, felt the onus on him to use his

influence. "I would have felt a

afford to lose valued artists.

thing big would happen."

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Eastern Europe's revolution.

A generation ago it was opera that was being written off as a continart of "music theatre" that lies on the slab, and it seems rather recklessly brave of Odaline de la Martinez and her group, Lontano, to attempt a revival.

Perhaps that was Vic Hoyland's view, too, for his response to a commission for this double bill is a monologue for Linda Hirst that is no more theatrical than a solo cantata by Haydn or Berlioz.

It is also, in a strictly factual sense, considerably less musical. La Madre is a tale by Dario Fo conveyed almost entirely in speech over music for two small ensembles. It is a powerful story of Sicilian peasants heartlessly treated by the bosses, but a story which also exposes the narrator to a kind of danger, even cruelty.
One can imagine what a Glenda
Jackson or a Judi Deuch might

make of it, but Hirst is a quite different sort of artist (no doubt she does a niftier Le marteau sans maître than either of the other The few stretches of song in the

With the fall of the

MUSIC MEXITES Paul Griffiths

La Madre/Trois Contes Lilian Baylis

piece, where Hirst suddenly produces a sullen, undeficated pas-sion, shows something of what might have been; there is also the usual problem of melodrama that one loses the verbal sense if one pays attention to the music - as there is every invitation to do, Hoyland's scoring for a group dominated by two marimbas, piano and harp being so tough and

Like his Prom piece of a couple of years back, this is music that goes in hammer blows, without the violence being wasted as hysteria. It is the right style for the story, but it demands, and here fruitlessly demands, a comparable imaginative involvement in the

vocal writing.
The companion piece, Maurice Ohana's Trois Contes de l'honor-

able fleur, is fully staged, with the assistance of the Parisian troupe Elisa Toledo Todd, Ohana's solution to the music-theatre problem is rather like Britten's: to draw on the clear precedents of Stravinsky and Noh.

The three little fables are told by a soprano (and engagingly pert and brightly florid Valérie Chouanière) with the help of two women dancers, within a set subscribing to a European notion of Japanese elegance.

The whole thing, indeed, is depressingly chic, and the music, for a band mostly of wind and percussion, cribs weakly from Varèse, Debussy, Stravinsky's Japanese Lyrics, and Messiaen, quite apart from the wonky quote from the opening of The Rite of Spring that suggests a dream momentarily wakening to its own lack of substance.

Lontano gave, however, as sure and colourful a performance of this score as of the Hoyland. There is a further performance

To talk about music in such

circumstances seems beside the

point, but Masur does offer some

thoughts. "In the old East German

True grit and spit

TANEATRE SE Jeremy Kingston

Battersea Arts Centre

The marvellously funny antics of American Eagle, the comic book spoof devised by the bright young wits of Phoenix Beam, have kept the company on tour for well over a year. Now they pit their skills against the cliches of two other brands of schlock fiction: the macho heroics of the Western, and an everyday tale of demonic

possession in suburban London. The energy is present, and the fuel looks promising, but the two elements have so far failed to fuse. Out among the rattlesnakes of Navaho Gulch, a young missee's pappy is gunned down by a man named - spit - McIntyre. Vowing revenge, she follows his trail to Brunswick Avenue, and takes up residence with the family next door, disguised as their baby (Susannah Rickards merrily sus-

confusing step of making the angel-faced Oscar Lewis, hitherto the man named — spit — McInty take on the role of the loony father of the house. Husky-voiced Andrew Calverley plays the evil neighbour, soon standing legs astride on the sofa like Sting being sexily satanic. The situation cries out for every kind of nasty development involving the nubile daughter (Sarah Hasnip) and a mother (William Lawrance in an apron) in need of a friendly male touch. But the mixture is slightly shaken and not stirred.

With players so quick-witted, exuberant and disrespectful, the show will probably mature. The scene where three hombres mouth lines spoken for them slightly out of synch is good, while the catalogue of Shakespearean atrocities imagined by the parents as having befallen their tranced daughter offers a moment of very dark comedy.

The production has yet to acquire the toughness that gave American Eagle its status as political commentary.

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Berlin wall, the conductor Kurt Masur finds he has a political role to play in East Germany, as he explains to

Orchestrating the

winds of change

Richard Morrison

criminal if I did nothing. In a way I was only carrying on those principles that I try to uphold when I conduct: Beethoven's hope in the Choral Symphony was exactly for that which was happening all over Eastern Europe."

So on the day after Honecker issued his barely-veiled threat to the East German people to "remember what happened in China", Masur threw open the doors of the 200-year-old Gewandhaus - not for a concert, but for a political meeting, Meanwhile his entire Gewandhaus Orchestra, 180-strong, tore up their Communist Party membership cards and sent a letter to Honecker demanding dialogue for reform.

Masur endorsed that. "We had meetings with the



Kurt Masur: question of survival

citizens in the Gewandhaus where we discussed what the people wanted to tell their leaders. You know the results. The main thing now is to bring the people of Leipzig closer to reality. We have a dream; we must realize as much of that as we can, but we are not living in paradise."

Masur does not underplay the difficulties. "To talk about plans is impossible. Time is running faster than anyone can control; the politicians are only reacting, not planning. A lot of cities are unguided, or governed only by a handful of people trying to keep things going. Leipzig is led really by two men, one a priest, and I am consulted when I am at home. The city council does not exist any more, nor the party council."

system, musicians enjoyed a high degree of security and stability; and ticket prices were kept extremely low. That cannot con-tinue, I am sure, because the discoveries of the last few months have shown us that our economic situation is quite disastrous. It is a question of survival, of basic things like food, not concerts." What, then, of the fate of East Germany's orchestras: an astonishing 88 of them? "An orchestra like the Gewandhaus, with its tradition: that will be kept alive, no question. But my worries are for many of the other 87. Of course we will fight to keep tickets cheap, but if the government cannot afford to subsidize we will become more like the London orchestras, and many things will change." Is Masur not delighted by the

prospect of the cultural potential in a united Germany — of a Berlin in which, for instance, the Komische Oper (where Masur worked with Felsenstein in the 1960s) and the Berlin Philharmonic are equally accessible to all? "Yes, but we have to make sure we do not lose what is of value in our own country. We must not lose that feeling of art working for the community.

"Above all, we must keep the respect and friendship of our neighbours." Masur believes that too much flaunting of "united German power" - in cultural matters as much as in politics will "bring back fears of what happened before the war, it would

RECORDS

A doomed poet and some bandits

has gone to considerable lengths to make its new Hoffmann as attractive as possible. And it needs to: the market for Offenbach's posthumously staged opera could scarcely be more competitive.

It has managed to squeeze the sprawling work on to two CDs, with a playing time of just more than two and a quarter hours. EMI's most recent Hoffmann ran to three CDs and almost three and a half hours. Dappertutto is allowed his "Scintille diamant", a popular aria but one whose credentials are more than suspect. Luxury casting is accorded to some very small roles - Andreas Schmidt as Lindorf, Kurt Rydl as the tavern proprietor Luther and even Christa Ludwig (not in best voice) as Antonia's Mama. And there is Domingo back in the title

But does it all add up to a satisfying Hoffmann? Only intermittently. DG has decided to use Edita Gruberova for each of Hoffmann's three loves, but a different baritone for each of the villains who block the path of passion. A little consistency would have helped.

Gruberova is predictably delicious as the doll Olympia, and produces a quite ravishing trill on the death note of the consumptive Antonia. The courtesan Giulietta she finds more difficult. Gabriel Bacquier, who sang all three baritone leads, plus Lindorf, in Decca's set of 1972, here is confined to Coppélius, which he delivers with characteristic gusto. James Morris radiates evil as Dr Miracle, and it is a pity that he could not have been persuaded to

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d'Hoffmann Gruberova/Domingo French National Orch/Ozawa (DG 427 682-2) (2 compact discs) Offenbeck: Les Brigands Raphanel/Alfiot-Lugaz/ Raffalli/Tremport Lyons Opera Orch/Gardiner (EMI CDS 7 498320 2) (2 compact discs) Haldvy: La Juive Varady: Anderson/Carreras/ nzalez/Furlanetto ilharmonia/Almeida (Philips 420

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that part: he produces a notably strangulated end and a not very silken middle to "Scintille diamant". The other major disappointment is a most unboyish Nicklausse from Claudia Eder, who is easily outpointed by her rival Ann Murray on EML



Doubtful Jewess: Julia Varady, ghtily impressive in the title

And so to Domingo, He is up against very strong competition: himself. His performance in that 72 Decca Hoffmann was superbly lyrical, and the voice some 15 years later sounds a shade dry, especially in the Antonia act. The compensation is a gain in dramatic power of the sort Gedda used to bring to the part - EMI has just reissued on two CDs the

1965 Cluytens set on which Gedda is the prime attraction (CMS 7

63222 Ź). Seiji Ozawa has the advantage of a very spacious recording, which he uses to notable effect at the beginning of the Barcarole, but the French National Orchestra does not always respond to the tug of the drama - there have been more theatrical Hoffmanns than this. First choice probably remains that old Sutherland set, well remastered by Decca on two CDs (417 363 2), but there is yet another Hoffmann on the way

from Philips. Ten years before Hoffmann ch wrote Les Brigands, a straightforward comic opera with no pretensions but to entertain boulevardiers. It has had the occasional revival in Germany, but is scarcely known in this country. One reason might well be that Les Brigands (1869) had quite remarkable resemblances to The Pirates of Penzance (1879). Both concern a band of thieves down on their luck and suffering a distinct lack of rich personages to rob; and both feature a posse of clodhopping policemen who always turn up too late to make a fair cop. W. S. Gilbert, magpie that he was, could have been well aware of what was going on across the

Les Brigands may not have the hit tunes of Offenbach's greatest operettas but it contains a succes-

Too many chefs: Tibère Raffalli, Colette Alliot-Lugaz and Michel Trempont as the robbers in Offenbach's beguiling comic opera Les Brigands

sion of utterly beguiling ones, which give the Lyons Opéra a chance to turn out yet another of those recordings which, under John Eliot Gardiner's direction, it seems to produce atterly without

The regulars are all there, including Colette Alliot-Lugaz in the trouser role of the young farmer Fragoletto, Ghislaine Raphanael as the girl "he" will inevitably marry, and Michel Tremport as a brigand chef. The latter excels in one of the best numbers of a busy score, the Trio des Marmitons, where the robbers dress up as cooks at an inn on the Italo-Spanish frontier — a characteristic joke of Offenbach's prolific librettists, Meilhac and Halevy.

May Les Brigands come to

London again one of these days and may the Lyons Opéra go on turning out recordings as spirited. idiomatic and as thoroughly enjoyable as this.

The task of producing a "definitive" edition of La Juive, the bestknown opera of another Halévy, would provide a mighty task. The Philips version, begun in 1986 and then interrupted by the ill health of José Carreras in the role of Eléazar, Jew and jeweller, carries more than three hours of music. And the cuts have been substantial, as Philips and the conductor, Antonio de Almeida, quite properly acknowledge. Halévy was an almost exact

contemporary of Meyerbeer and La Juive was composed on a Meyerbeerian scale: five acts with a central ballet, massive chorales, a punishing aria for the tenor (the score's most famous number "Rachel. quand du Seigneur") at the end of Act IV when exhaustion is setting in, and a shock denouement when the Jewess of the title turns out not to be a Jewess after all. But amidst the sprawl there is much fine music and not all of it for the fanatical Eléazar, portrayed by Carreras in ringing tone almost too noble for the part. Caruso made his last stage appearance in the part on Christmas Eve 1920, and closer to our time Richard Tucker and Tony Poncet have recorded bits of it.

Both Rachel, the "Jewess", and her rival, the Princess Eudoxie, have notable numbers, including the Act III Bolero for the latter,

taken in flowing style by June Anderson. Just before there is a persuasive duet for the pair of them, with Julia Varady mightily impressive in the title role. Halévy's casting is odd: there is a second high-lying tenor part, in which Dalmacio Gonzalez has to struggle less with the notes than with the French, but no baritone role and instead a tough bass assignment for Cardinal Brogni (Ferruccio Furlanetto) who tosses

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curses through the air like confetti.
Antonio de Almeida, who tackled this opera earlier with Tucker, makes a powerful advocate for the work with the Philharmonia and the Ambrosian Opera Chorus. A hugely enterprising set and a major contribution to the rep-

Politely sensual

CEASSICAL - 6 Hilary Finch

Percy Grainger: Piano music for four hands, Vol 1 Penelope s/John Lavender (Pearl SHE CD 9611)

wo pianists from the land of Oz have set their four hands to the music of the compatriot, Percy Grainger, and those who have a taste for such things will know exactly what to expect. Or will they? Thwaites and Lavender have unearthed four-hand transcriptions of many pieces never before recorded in these

As well as the inevitable "Country Gardens", the "English Waltz" and the "Lincolnshire Posy", there are curiosities including "Mowgli's Song against the People", reduced from the hefty choral and orchestral version of 1903, and the six-minute "Wraith

So spare and plaintively declamatory is this reduction of the original two-chorus and orchestra version of part of Grainger's setting of Longfellow's Saga of King Olaf, that one wonders how on earth such material could ever have been further

Thwaites and Lavender bravely bare its big, naked bones. They give a nice introduction, too, to Grainger in the suite In A Nutshell, which is just that: Grainger crazed by the spell of the Orient, Grainger with Edwardian cane a-swinging, Grainger of the clotted crossand Grai ashamed sentimentalist.

What we do not hear is Grainger the sensualist, the anarchist, the outrageous. Thwaites and Lavender so far prefer to emphasize the gentle and the amiable by, for instance, keeping subordinate material politely in check instead of allowing voices to jostle energetically one against the other. There is not a gladiolus to be seen in this Country Garden: perhaps their subsequent volumes will dare to be more voracious, more robust in their welcome advocacy of Australia's eccentric pianist and

CLASSICAL UPDATE Adams: Fearful Symmetries, The Wound Dresser Sylvan, Orchestra of St Luke's Adams (Nonesuch 979 218-2) A disappointment. Adams

has done better big-band farragos than Fearful Symmetries and subtler laments than The Wound-Dresser: the baritone Sanford Sylvan's excellent performance only emphasizes how far we are from the fine conclusion to Nixon Babbitt: Various works (CR)

CD 521)
An excellent introduction to the wit and wisdom of Milton Babbitt, ranging from the 1950s to the 1980s, and including electronic music, piano works, a chamber concerto and a set of modern madrigals for six female philosophy dons. Kirchner: Various works

(Nonesuch 9 79188-2) A seventieth-birthday tribute to a Schoenbergian with his own, very American energy, impulse and fullfless of sound. He plays his own recent Five Piano Pieces and conducts two big pieces for chamber orchestra: Music for 12 and the Concerto for violin, cello, wind and percussion. The muscular and effulgent Piano Trio completes the programme.

Blowing a flexible trumpet

henever British band-leaders are looking for a reliable and flexible trumpeter, the call usually goes out for Guy Barker. Though only 31, he has been in demand with a whole range of units, from his regular spot in the Clark Tracey Quintet to the starring role in Keith Nichols's recent concert of Bix Beiderbecke standards.

Given the chance to lead his own group on vinyl, he has turned in a typically polished display of title tune is anything to go by, he should be encouraged to write more material for Tracey's band.

Otherwise, the main point of interest is "It Never Entered My Mind", where Barker's rounded phrases, laden with unfashionable vibrato, make virtuoso runs which stop short of swamping the original melody. As always, he can rely on capable support from the rhythm section of Tracey, pianist Jason Rebello and bassist Steve

Vibraphonist Frank Ricotti appears on three of the six tracks. adding welcome colour to the Guy Barker Quintet + Frank Ricotti Holly J. (Miles Music MM078) Harry Connick Jr When Harry Met Sally . . . (CBS 465753) ensemble work. The other lead young British jazz musicians. At times his youthful enthusiasm gets

Clive Davis

soloist is Nigel Hitchcock, a teenage saxophonist with intimidating technical skills, particularly on alto. A member of the saxophone quartet, Itchy Fingers, Hitchcock was the recipient of last all's par omythe Award to:

Leedbelly Alabama Bound (RCA Heritage Series 90321) Apart from some powerful solo numbers, the best reason for investing in this amalgamation of two 1940 dates is to hear the Golden Gate Jubilee Quartet. The extra voices give Leadbelly's work sonds even more resonance. Jay McShann Roll 'em (Black & Blue 233022) The hour-long compact disc brings together two French sessions by the singer-

pianist, from 1969 and 1977. The

presence of T-Bone Walker on the first set is sure to tempt blues enthuslasts. Pearl Bailey Come On Let's Play With Pearlie Mae (EMI/Roulette CDP-793274- 2)

out of band, but when he is

playing within his limits - as on his mid-tempo composition "Life

Is A Beach" - he sounds like a

ine same goes for Hatty

true veteran.

A begulling attempt to transfer the singer-comedienne's stage act to the recording studio, complete with monologues and asides at the expense of men in general and Louis Bellson's musicians in particular. Originally issued in 1962, the disc is part of the first selection

Connick Jr, the American pianist who made his début for CBS last year with the aptly titled album, 20. While most of his contem-poraries are still transcribing McCoy Tyner, Connick has gone off on another, more challenging nath, inspired by masters from an earlier era, Ellington, Tatum, Garner and even Monk all make their presence felt on his solos. His contribution to Rob Rei-

ner's comedy film When Harry Met Sally gave him the kind of dream about. The opportunity was not wasted, though Marc Shaiman's over-ripe big band charts are something of a hindrance. Connick's keyboard style is heard to best advantage on the trio tracks, where he is joined by bassist Benjamin Jonah Wolfe and Wynton Marsalis's drummer Jeff "Tain" Watts. The sardonic "Stompin' At The Savoy" and "It Had To Be You" are delightful stuff. Most startling of all is Connick's singing: rich, confident and worldly wise. If he continues to develop at this pace, he will soon be defecting to become the Sinatra of the Nineties

Startled statue

Wagner: Das Rheingold Soloists, Bavarian RSO/Haitink (EMI CDS 7 49853 2) (two CDs) Vickers, Nilson, Orchestra National/Böhm (Rodolphe/ Harmonia Mundi RPC 32553.55) (three CDs)

Bernard Haitink's noble Ring nobly continues backwards from a noble Walkare into a noble Rheingold. The pacing is again fundamentally spacious and nearly always secure, the colour so firmly placed and burnished it sounds enamelled. Haitink does occasionally respond to the drama, but when this happens - at Freia's rushing entry in the second scene, for example - there is the embarrassing sense of a monument suddenly alarmed into action. The recording was made shortly after Haitink had been conducting the work in the theatre: however, since that occasion was the unhappy still birth of the Lyubimov Ring, there may be good reason why he keeps his mind fixed on the score and builds it as marble symphony. There are moments where the

tempo tests James Morris's production of a long-phrased, beautifully sung Wotan, but they really only point up how marvellous he is: authoritative, but young and lyrical, and fully in command of the words. This is altogether a Wotan-centred performance, since in another three roles there are potential or partial Wotans. Theo Adam, a distinguished Wotan elsewhere of course, enjoys casting his voice in a different, bolshy character to create Alberich as a weak unsuccessful school bully who, against all expectation, makes it: almost comically base and inadequate in the first scene, he becomes an ugly tyrant. Then there is Andreas Schmidt as a fine Donner, and Hans Tschammer as a Fasolt of grand, certain strength

and appeal. Excellent performances come

too from Marjana Lipovsek as Fricks, pouring out warm tone, from the gravely smooth Fafner of Kurt Rydl, and from Julie Kaufmann, catching all the light against her dim Rhinemaiden sisters. Heinz Zednik's Loge is still wonderfully acute and anarchic, though now vocally strained Peter Haage puts in a Mime taking advantage (as perhaps Mime would take advantage) of the microphone to whine with a distasteful intimacy that is certainly in character. And the medium also brings us well-produced sound effects, including a chilling electronic howl for the Nibelungs' horror at the ring. Comparative judgements of

Ring recordings become more complicated each month, and we have still to hear from Haitink's most obvious rival in the Vorabend: James Levine. But anyone's first version probably ought to be the 1967 Bayreuth recording conducted by Böhm, who also conducts - against the efforts of wind, a noisy audience and the orchestra - Tristan in a recording made at Orange in 1973.

This was obviously a remarkable night. Nilsson - though near the end of her career as Isoide, and better captured in the 1966 Bay-reuth recording, again with Bohm is still in engulfing, thrilling voice, and Vickers is in peak form. The third act, of course, is the big opportunity for his suffering Tristan, and he sings it in an exultant rage, that rough radiance carrying him all the way from deadened Sprechgesang to full, immense song, the intensity steadily climbing throughout each long para-graph and from each to the next. Other performances are rather blistered into insignificance, but Walter Berry makes sure Kurwenal stands his ground throughout, and by the end even the orchestra is caught up into the

Paul Griffiths

A new invention makes it possible to clean up old recordings

Record buyers in this country will soon be able to benefit from No-Noise, a computer-based system which can be used to clean up poor quality recordings. It will be of particular interest to lovers of classical music, jazz, soul, blues, and any other sounds recorded before the development of modern studio techniques.

Companies such as Ace and Charly, which specializes in reissuing records by artists like Jerry Lee Lewis and Roy Orbison, are already considering using No-Noise, an American invention marketed in this country by audio company Chop 'em Out

"The record, or master tape, is loaded into a computer," explains the company's Avi Landenberg, who last week could be seen demonstrating the device at

A Puccini opera after Sardou

MIDEM, the music industry's annual trade fair. "The computer analyses in minute detail the sound signals of old recordings, eliminating the clicks and crackles, and replacing them with what the computer calculates to be the original sounds. It does not filter out frequences, a common complaint from classical music lovers who have bought their favourite recordings on CD. It merely takes

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out excess noise and makes a join which is undetectable."

One of the biggest users of No-Noise is Ryko-Disc, the American company responsible for releasing the best of David Bowie's back catalogue on CD. According to Landenberg. Bowie's recently announced world tour was partly inspired by the sound quality of his newly refurbished recordings.

Meanwhile, certain jazz reissues on RCA bear the No-Noise logo, a way of justifying slightly higher prices. "At up to £100 per minute, the system isn't cheap," Landenberg admits. But for pressings of more than a few thousand its use will soon pay for itself. Once one or two companies have committed themselves, popular demand will dictate that others soon follow suit.

Mike Nicholls

Rolling Stone", a song that redefined the parameters

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ROCK UPDATE

Jungle Brothers Done By The Forces of Nature (Warner Bros Like De La Soul, Harlem's Jungle Brothers have broadened the emotional scope of rap to include warmth, humanity, humour and variety. Funky but friendly.

Fish Vigil in a Wilderness of Mirrors (EMI EMD 1015) Respectable solo début by the burly ex-Marillion vocalist. The singles, "Big Wedge" and "State of Mind", rock out with unfussy conviction, while die-hard tans of the more convoluted, Genesis-style magnum opus will not be disappointed by the long-winded "Vigil" and the aptly titled "Cliché".

Dionne Warwick The Love Songs (Arista 260441) The lush arrangements and Warwick's pitching and phrasing are manicured to perfection.

Quireboys A Bit Of What You Fancy (Parlophone PCS 7335) Five Keef lookalikes slavishly devoted to the Rod Stewart/Faces blueprint, as stewary races oncerning as exemplified by the hits "7 o'clock" and "Hey You". A fearless, if tiresomely derivative, blast of good of white boy

Texana Dames Texana Dames (Sonet SNTF 1026) Sprightly, hot-blooded and occasionally incongruous concoction of country, cajun, conjunto, salsa and rock 'n' roll from the veteran Charlene Hancock and her daughters Traci Lamar and Connie Hancock.

General Latayette King of the Broken Hearts (Plaza PZA 007) Easy-listening collection of instrumentals, composed, arranged and produced by Roberto Danova and featuring trumpeter Martin Drover

LINKWORDS by Clive Doig

Starting with the word PROVE, change one of the letters and rearrange if necessary to arrive at the answer to the next clue. Continue until you arrive at ACTOR. Write down the letter which has been replaced each time: these are an anagram of a 10-letter word. PROVE O

An adder To wind, a conical tapering body Put in your money the way your lips go Immunization fluid The code of the walrus A violent assault or weather condition Damo and humid A follower and disciple of Zeno

> Anagram clue: difficult to penetrate Answer next week

LAST WEEK'S ANSWERS

Occupations: Cooper. Betty Thatcher, a baker, married Tom Butcher, a turner. Liz Butcher, a goldsmith, married Jack Cooper, a baker. (Sarah Goldsmith was either a thatcher or a cooper, or married to one who was Alan Turner. Mary Cooper was either a thatcher or a butcher or married to one who was Bill Baker.)

Linkwords: The anagram spelt STRIDENTLY. The words were STYLE, SLEET, TENSE, INSET, RESIN, DINER, DRONE, ORDER, ERROR, RETRO, ROVER.

A-Z GUIDE TO ROCK

Part 15 of David Sinclair's collectors' A-Z, a guide to the essential albums of the most enduring performers of rock. To qualify for inclusion in this series, an act

must have sustained a recording career of at least 10 years, and have mustered at least one decent album during that time. The entries are designed to be pasted

on to index cards and stored in a 6in by 4in filing box, available from most good stationery shops. to form an instant guide to the hits and misses of rock history.

bare-boned arrangement - reedy

B ob Dylan gave rock its primary voice and something to say. The effect of his stylized drawl **BOB DYLAN** and acute, yet magnificently em-broidered, wordplay has been all-pervasive, his influence plaintly extending from Lennon, Richards and Hendrix to Costello, Knopfler. and Hendrix to Costello, Knopfier.
Springsteen and far beyond. His
Springsteen are contribution to the
common stock than even Presley or
the Beatles were able to muster. The
essence of this period is tound in
Bringing it All Back Home (May
1965), Highway 61 Revisited (October 1965) and
Blonde on Blonde (August 1966), the most essential
album triptych in the history of rock. Bringing it All
Back Home is the crowning glory. Recorded at the
cusp of his "conversion" from folk to rock, it boasts
an acoustic side. including "Mr Tambourine Man"

an acoustic side, including "Mr Tambourine Man" and "It's All Over Now, Baby Blue" and, for the first time, an electric, rock-oriented side notably featuring "Subterranean Homesick Blues" and "Maggie's Farm", Highway 61 Revisited opens with "Like a

Wind" coming as close as any of his later material does to the raging, snearing glory of his prime. of the hit single. Its quintessentially ramshackle, NEXT WEEK: The Eagles, Echo & the Bunnymen



harmonica, Harmond organ, rough acoustic and electric guitar — provides a rugged vehicle for the tumbling stream of words, their sour, vindictive tone shored up by the affortless roatic fluency and

tumbling stream of words, their sour, vindictive tone shored up by the effortless, poetic fluency and arrestingly idlosyncratic phrasing of Dylan's delivery. Having injected the tenets of folk into the heart of rock, Dylan resolved to explore the country roots of rock. That process was prefaced by the double album Blonde on Blonde. Recorded in Nashville, it is another collection of from the yearning "I Want You" to the bawdy "Rainy Day Women # 12 & 35" and the despairing "Visions of Johanna". Then came the motor bike accident and things were never the same again, 1989's Ch Mercy things were never the same again. 1989's Oh Mercy was Dylan's best album of recent times but it did not have much competition. Of his erratic Seventies' output, Blood on the Tracks (1975) stands out as a collection in which Dylan invested an exceptional degree of himself, with the bleak, cathartic "idiot Wind" coming as close as act of his later meterial

GARDENING

Francesca Greenoak pays a winter visit to Sir Roy Strong's garden in Herefordshire, and finds a surprise round every corner

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he curtains of rain lifted at intervals, illuminating my tour of the Herefordshire garden belonging to Sir Roy Strong and Dr Julia Trevelyan Oman, Lady Strong, with moments of dramatic brilliance. It was unwise, perhaps, to have deferred my visit until the winter, but a formal garden seems to have most to offer during these months without the dazzle of lower and foliage.

This garden is a playful, loving place, an expression of the personalities, history and passions of the two people who have created it from nothing during the 15 years since they bought the early-19th border house and its diacent field.

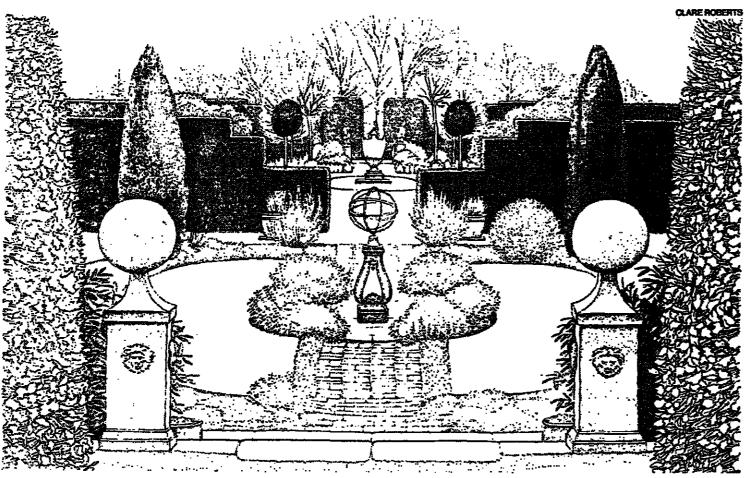
To say it is theatrical is a truism - what else would one expect, given the talents and interests of its owners? - but it is a private theatre, designed to give pleasure to the visitor as well as to the owners. Shamelessly exhibitionist, it combines a strong sense of fun with ambitious designs and imaginative planting and ornamentation.

The garden covers three and a half acres, but its extent is con-cealed. Nowhere is there a plain view in this many-chambered garden, with secret passageways opening to side bays and sudden vistas. There are grand avenues and tall screens of beech hedges, barriers of thuja and Leyland cypress (with crenellated tops) which conceal and reveal surprises at every turn.

The garden is the result of a productive partnership. Sir Roy has often referred to his gardening as a kind of "exterior design". His greatest pleasure is in the structure of the garden, negotiating for the most dramatic effects. His wife Julia brings an appreciation of drama, a genuine feeling for plants. A single white stembergera, a cherished gift from a friend, winks from among the hellebores in a birch grove; a dozen named snowdrops, just coming into flower, are being cosseted in a nursery bed. She has an enduring attachment to the genus Malus, and a diverse range of crab apples and edible kinds are coaxed into many shapes

This is a garden that is personal, not only in conception but in execution and daily care. One of Julia's favourite walks is along the brick path laid by Sir Roy in the Silver Jubilee garden. Made from house-bricks (not hard edged paving), the path has a crumbly, slightly uneven texture; the kind of detail which gives a garden some of

the subtle romance of decline. The initial masterplan for the future garden has been adhered to with only minor modifications. Fine art of formality



The first priority in the early years was to plant the hedging - thousands of tiny trees, scarcely more than sprigs. Although they look frail, tiny trees have a better chance than large transplants of establishing strongly and growing quickly to maturity. This is especially true of yew which is fiercely expensive in

WEEKEND TIPS

 Prane shrubs such as *Buddleia davidii* Leycesteria and Caryopteris, cutting last year's stem growth back to two buds. Keep the ground beneath fruit bushes and dwarf trees free

 If you can't avoid treading on wet lawns, spread wire mesh over the working area. Prune apple and pear trees; they will then present less of a challenge to strong winds.

• Secure any climbing plants
which have been blown about, and

cut away broken branches.

large sizes. Little yew trees, if

looked after properly, will reach 10ft in as many years. Within a few years of planting the overall shape of the garden was established, and internal planting and embellishment began.

As the garden grew up there were subtractions from the crowding trees and shrubs, and additions as new ideas took root. Every part of

Anyone who has suffered from

the strong winds of the past few

days will have extra work in the

the debris and making a clean

Young trees with fairly slender

rooting if the hole from which

(manually or by winch), and

trunks stand a good chance of re-

the roots have been pulled away is

gently excavated. The tree should be carefully pulled upright

garden, even if it is only tidying up

cut where branches have been torn.

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the garden celebrates a piece of family history or achievement. "Statuary is moved here and there until each piece finds its right spot," says Sir Roy, who starts tours of the garden in the parterre to the east of the house, where a legacy from the Oman family, a weathered limestone spire from All Souls College, Oxford, and a royal

AFTER THE STORM

secured with guy ropes to give support until the roots have

If the tree is heavy-headed,

twigginess will reduce wind

taken from many decidnous

chance of growing. Stumps of

cutting away one or two large branches and decreasing the

This is the time of year to take

conifer cuttings — all the more

important if a favourite tree has

succumbed to the storms. Cuttings

trees also stand a reasonably and

deciduous trees left in the ground

lion from the Palace of Westminster overlook formal box-edged

beds thickly planted with bulbs. The Shakespeare urn, bought when Sir Roy won the Shakespeare Prize in 1980, was "the first piece of statuary we put up". It draws the eye westwards, to the end of a grassy avenue planted with tall pleached lime (Tilia plaryphyllos

may sprout again like a coppiced tree. Gales are likely to be a feature of the Nineties, according to the g-range forecast, so we give newly planted trees the st chance of survival. When planting trees it is better to select very young trees which make stronger root system rather than larger or container-

rown plants. Över-protection

cause to poor wind resistance.

so stakes should be low.

in the early years is a contributory

temple, flanked by busts of a very young Victoria and Albert, stands at the top of another long turfalley (on a north-south axis), but this one is informally lined with crab apple trees. Sir Roy's latest innovations are a

Rubra) and low beech. The small

small parterre of dwarf box and gravel and a stately "bridge" of paving and balustrading which punctuates divisions between enclosures. The final positioning is all done by eye - you can only do so much on paper, in the end one needs to be on the ground, moving things about until they look right".

Ithough large, this is not a particularly labourdemanding garden, "except in late summer when we clip the hedges". Two gardeners work the equivalent of a day a week, trimming and mowing, but the Strongs like to do as much as possible themselves. Sir Roy takes pleasure in the topiary, rounding the heads of formalized crab apple trees and low box balls, and

clipping yew birds into shape. Sir Roy advocates a formal style in smaller gardens, especially those in towns. Creating Small Formal Gardens, his latest book (Conran Octopus £17.99), provides a kind of directory of plans and ideas to this end, drawing inspiration from various periods of fine and garden art and from his own experience.

Many of the ideas he has explored in the compartments within his own garden could be reworked within a smaller context though, of course, you could not capture the surprise and delight of so much diversity. Having admired the principal features, I was pleasantly surprised to come suddenly upon a compact orchard studded with old-fashioned apple varieties: classics such as Margil and Orleins Reinette; rare cultivars such as Bess Pool, the Api Rose of French origin, Kentish Fillbasket; and the sweet, dark red Herefordshire apple called Ten Commandments. Another turn between high beech hedges and you are in a sheltered area, medieval in character with trellised alcoves of trained nectarines and peaches.

I have trembled for gardens during the past week of storms but, sheltered by its own mature trees and a network of hedges, the Strong garden, though battered and drenched, suffered relatively little damage. The chief casualty was a mature Scots pine which fell into the Jacobean knot-garden, crushing some box but, by fortunate accident, dropping precisely between a grouping of junipers which had taken 14 years to make the desired

WALK



Dow Crag. Coniston Fells.

When overnight rain washes. the air clean, the Lakeland mountains stand out clearly. Jagged-topped Dow Crag rears up, making the walker yearn to stride over the rugged ridge to the summit.

Park at Torver Beck bridge and walk uphill, following the signpost directions for Walna Scar. Climb the cobbled track where quarrymen used to urge their ponies to work.

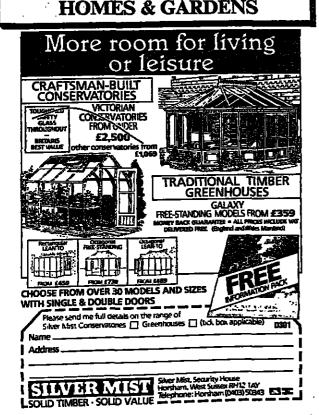
Pass between two huge heaps of slate spoil and then bear right, passing the great hole of the disused Banishead Quarty.

Continue climbing the grassy path, always taking the left fork, until you reach a rough, rocky track. This is Walna Scar Road, once used by quarry workers. Turn left and cross Cove Bridge, walking along the track to Walna Scar Pass

Turn right and climb to the cairn on the summit of Brown Pike. Stride along the path that keeps close to the edge of Blind Tarn Screes. Look down to the small tarn far below. Another cairs denotes the ighest point on Buck Pike. Proceed along the narrow vertical Easy Gully and Great Gully. Scramble up the rocks to the top of Dow Crag. Look to the Lakeland mountains in the misty distance and peer cautionsly down the great chasm to Goat's Water. Then descend the path to Goat's

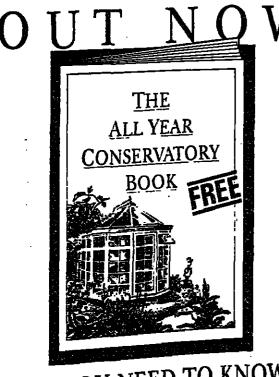
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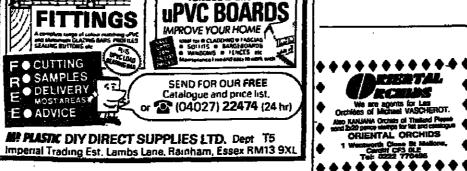
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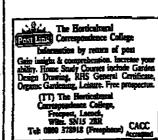


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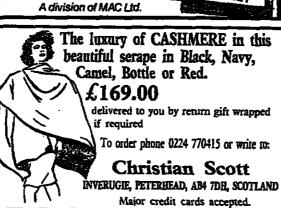
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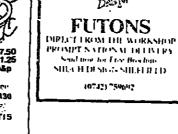


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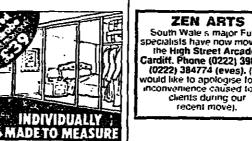
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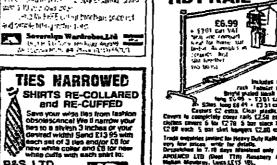
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Mary Quant, fashion designer: I was late in discovering spaghetti spoons because they are such ugly-looking things. But now I use one all the time love it. because the whole family are pasta-eaters.

Clive Arrowsmith, photographer: I hang a square Perspex oblong around my neck when I'm working. It has a small green luminous phial inside with a bubble but, though it looks like modern jewellery, it is a spirit level. to get even New York's skyscrapers crooked. It is made by Sinar of Switzerland.

Terry Wogan, television per-sonality: My Swiss Army penknife. I like to look at it a lot, and occasionally wave at a passing horse.

writer: I wouldn't be without or when doing something something beautiful to rem-really boring. something beautiful to rem-ember it by. I bought a pen,

Manolo Blabnik, shee designer: I rely on my fax the whole time for work. My life has completely changed since it arrived. I used to go to Pru Leith, restaurateur and Milan four times a month,

Marie Helvin, model: I would for lifting eggs out of water not be without my bread- and spaghetti out of pans. making machine.

designer and writer: Although a gadget that has everything I am no great cook, kitchen gadgets hold a fascination for me. My lemon zester is not only fun to use but the resulting zest adds that je ne sais quoi to puddings and other dishes. I love the way it produces those squiggly worms. Unfortunately, the fruit, once zested, looks so sad.

Anita Roddick, director of The Body Shop: I never travel anywhere without my Sony Walkman. It's invaluable for long flights. The music relaxes and inspires me.

Rifat Ozbek, fashion designer: My favourite gadget is the television set's remote channel changer. It's really like a

Nick Ross, BBC radio and television presenter: My Apricot word processor and printer make writing a joy. When you have to change the words constantly it can be a complete

Chre Francis, novelist: Despite recent scares, I think the microwave oven is the answer to a working mother's prayers.

pain using a typewriter.

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> Frances Bissell, writer and The Times cook: My La Pavoni Casa espresso coffee machine cost just under £100 easy-clean rounded edges and cappuccino, first heating the cup, then frothing the milk and finally watching the drops of espresso staining the white foam. It takes forever compared with the cafetière but I

Robert Kilroy-Silk, writer and television presenter: I like my electric swimming-pool cleaner because it takes away all the drudeery.

Patsy Kensit, actress: My favourite and only gadget is an American juicer. Patsy's husband, Dan Dono

Terence Donovan, adds: My favourite gadget is an AgendA electronic organizer, which combines minicomputer, diary and address book. But I'd like a laser beam - useless but

Edina Ronay, fashion deigner: After seeing Breakfast Nanette Newman, actress and At Tiffony's, I was completely mesmerized and, on my first my small, compact radio. It's trip to New York, I went into the best thing in the kitchen, the shop determined to find and it has been with me now for 10 years; it's a mix of fond memories, practicality and

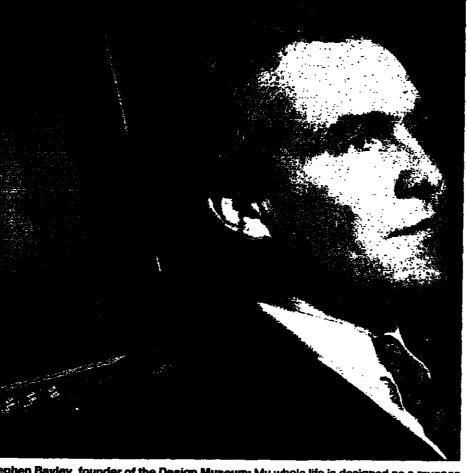
food expert: My favourite now I need to go only once. I gadget costs less than 50p. It's have one at work and one in one of those ugly plastic spoons with a hole in the bowl and teeth all round. It's useful

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Christopher Wray, lighting retailer: My favourite gadget is a big, old brass corkscrew, like they used to have in pubs. a oig, one properly the lever it takes the cork off and drops it into those old electric or handa bin. It is a collector's item now, and worth around \$250 operated drills.





Barbara Daly, make-up artist: Because I am almost as blind as a bat, I would be totally lost without my ltoya pocket lens. It's about the size and shape of a credit card and I use it constantly for reading small type. It is made in Japan, though I bought it in the United States

Paul Smith, fashion designer/retailer: My limited edition Olympus O camera is made of stainless steel and, though not strictly a gadget, is the first design to come out of Japan with retrospective styling. Though hi-tech and fully automatic, it has that old-fashioned look

Faith Brown, actress: I bought

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John Stephanidis, interior designer: My truffle-grater. It is since it is smaller than a very important to have the right instrument when you're preparing them.

mie Langford, performer: I wouldn't be without my eye-lash curlers. After all, nothing else can do the job as well.

Terry Jonas, owner of Authentics, the London style shop: American Culinarius 4000 food mixer is very heavy and stable with its chrome base and glass jug. It is simple to use and works brilliantly.

George Davies, former chairman of Next: There is a field near my home in Leicestershire where I've planted trees. I didn't realize it would need mowing so often - it's five acres - so I would say that my

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DAVID SINCLAIR **GIANT SAND:** Howe Gelb with a line-up incorporating drummer Jon Convertino and bassist Mark Valton (ex-Dream Syndicate alk, Manchester (061 228 555). Frt.

MANO NEGRA: Hyperactive Parisian troup, mixing rap, rock, rai, rockabilly, reggae and more. Marquee, London WC2 (01-437

BOB DYLAN: Still an erratic live performer, but enjoying a popular and critical rehabilitation in the wake of last year's *Oh Mercy*. Hammersmith Odeon, London W6 (01-748 4081). Tonight, for six

MATHILDE SANTING: Dutch teuse full of passion and

Electric Cinema, London W11 (01-792 2020). Mon, Tues.

To mark the release last week of The Sweet Keeper, the disappointing follow-up to Ancient Heart, Tanita Tikaram sets off on a 15-month trek round the concert halls of the world. She is accompanied by her full band which includes violinist Helen O'Hara (ex-Dexys Midnight Runners) and the gifted jazz drummer Nic France. The 20-year-old daughter of a Fijian diplomat from Basingstoke, she took up singing and songwriting as a diversion between A levels and a university course which was not to be. The story has since passed into myth of how, in December 1987, she was spotted by agency booker Paul Charles at her first public appearance, at the Mean Fiddler in London, and was signed to WEA the following March. Her precocious songwriting talent, and the spellbinding timbre of her attactive contralto voice, have facilitated an easy glide to the top. "It's a story where nothing really happens," noted Melody Maker's Jon Wilde, regretfully. "No sex, no controversy, no impetuous risks. Nothing except success itself."

Hexagon, Reading (0734 591591) tonight; Apollo, Oxford (0865 244544) tomorrow; Apollo, Manchester (061 273 3775) Tues; Royal Court, Liverpool (051 709 4321) Wed; Music Hall, Aberdeen (0224 641122) Fri.

BROADCASTING

Tanita Tikaram: simply successful

NO JOB FOR A LADY: Penelope Keith as a newly elected Labour MP making her presence felt at Westminster in a new comedy by Alex (The Two Of Us) Shearer. ITV, Wed, 8-8.30pm.

LITTLE VERA (1988): First television showing for Vasili Pichul's acclaimed portrait of fected youth in Gorbachov's Soviet Union Channel 4, Wed, 10pm-12.30am.

GETTING TO KNOW MR SCHMEIGELOW: New play by Peter Terson following the young Cecil Beaton's unhappy time as a clerk in a London office. Radio 4, Thurs, 3-4pm.



PHOTOGRAPHY :

LEWIS MORLEY: PHOTOGRAPHER OF THE SIXTIES: Christine Keeler naked astride a chair is perhaps Morley's best known photograph; others, with their air of contrived hedonism, seem passé. A good historical document none the lass. Watershed Media Centre, 1 Canons Road, Bristol (0272

A CELEBRATION OF LOVE: Valentine theme for an exhibition which comprises photographs by Robert Doisneau, Thurston Hopkins and John Benton-Harris. Portfolio Gallery, 345 Portobello Road, London W10 (01 969 0453).

> GALLERIES DAVID LEE

THERESE OULTON: New paintings which hover betwe and abstraction.
Mariborough Fine Art, London W1
(01-629 5161). From Wed.

SCOTTISH ART SINCE 1900: 250 paintings, prints and drawings tracing a Scottish style from Colourists Cadell and Pepice to today's celebrated young narrative

Barbican Art Gallery, London EC2 (01-638 4141). From Thurs. ALBERT IRVIN: Large and offusively colourful abstract

(01-402 0343). From today. **NEW CONTEMPORARIES:** Promising new art from students and recent graduates. Cornerhouse, Manchester (061-228 7621). From today.

oseph Wright of Derby (1734-1797), a detail from whose "Peter Perez Burdett and his first wife Hannah" is shown above, was a better portraitist than his contemporaries believed. But economic realities meant that he must paint portraits to live. He had little success in drumming up patrons anywhere except in his home town. The irony is that if Wright had been more fashionable, and established himself in Bath or London, he might not have executed the scientific scenes for which he is now best known. He was surrounded in Derby by a group of friends who were also influential industrialists and physicists, Wedgwood and Arkwright among them. Inspired by observations made at philosophical meetings and practical explanations of the latest scientific advances, Wright painted works such as "An Experiment on a Bird in the Air Pump". This picture shows a candle-lit demonstration of how a bird will suffocate in a vacuum. A comprehensive exhibition of his work opens on Thurs at the Tate Gallery, London SW2 (01-821 7128).

ow an associate director at the Royal National

Theatre, Declan Dounellan is in the final days of rehearsing lisen's Peer Gynt. "It has been a bit like putting The Bible on stage," he says. "He wrote the says of the says." it when he was 39, and it was not for performance but to be read. It was the work of an embittered man, having a last poetic fling: a great sprawling piece which broke every theatrical unity in the book; it was slated when it came out. It is very funny and sometimes very moving, one man's journey in search of himself -without knowing that he is searching - from boyhood to old age. We are using two actors for the role

JUNO AND THE PAYCOCK: Sean O'Casey's classic Irish Civil War drama, directed by Ian Wooldridge. Royal Lycsum, Edinburgh (031 229 9697). Preview Thurs. Opens Fri.

MERIDIAN: Cindy Artiste's adaptation of Alice Walker's book. Contact, Manchester (061 274 4400). Preview Wed. Opens Thurs. MISTERO BUFFO: Robbie Coltrane in touring Dario Fo comedy.

CINEMA

GEOFF BROWN

HONEY, I SHRUNK THE KIDS (U):

Incredible Shrinking Man, with Rick Moranis as the luckless inventor

The Disney studio's endearing, family-slanted variation on The

who accidentally shrinks his children to minuscule size. Directed by Joe Johnston. Odeon West End (01-930 5252).

Robert Harling's play about the camaraderie of Southern women,

gathered together in a beauty parlour. With Sally Field, Dolly Parton and Shirley MacLaine. Directed by Herbert Ross.

THE KILL-OFF (18): Bracingly bleak adaptation of Jim

malignant gossip's hold over a drab seaside resort. Written and

directed by Maggie Greenwald. Screen on the Hill (01-435 3366).

ROOFTOPS (15): Veteran director Robert Wise larnely pounds the

West Side Story beat in a tawdry tale of drug-dealers, young love and Afro-Brazilian martial arts.

Cannon Oxford Street (01-630

Thompson's novel about a

From Fri.

To return to the reported

contract defeated. Either West

did not drop the jack of clubs

when the queen was led, or

declarer did not lead the

queen, playing low to the 10

instead. In neither case did

finesse the 10 is not best. If it

loses to the singleton jack,

East is left with the K-9 over

the queen. It is better to

finesse the 8; then the king can

If West has the singleton 9

the contract cannot be made,

oped without allowing East

Goldman's play of the jack

from J-9 is one of a great number of related plays. This

one is worth noting because it

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is a common situation:

as the suit cannot be devel-

still be picked up.

into the lead.

Sticklers may note that to

West make a spade trick.

Odeon Haymarket (01-839 7697).

STEEL MAGNOLIAS (PG):

Eden Court, inverness (0463 221718). Opens Thurs. SINGLE SPIES; Alan Bennett's comedy double-bill as seen at the National. Theatre Royal, Plymouth (0752 669595). Opens Thurs.

OTHELLO: With Jeffery Kissoon and Jack Klaff. Paul Unwin directs. Bristol Old Vic (0272 250250).

THEATRE TONY PATRICK

Rehearsing: Stephen Moore, left, as the older Peer, and David Morrissey as the younger Peer in the new English version of Ibsen's Peer Gynt

of Peer, but everyone in the company plays every kind of part. The staging is simple, with one very articulate set. Ken McLeish, the translator, has restored many assages previously cut or misunderstood. We have hardly cut at all, but because we have no elaborate scene changes, it's running at about three-and-a-half hours, in two parts.

The audience will come out exhausted, there is so much variety in it, like a whole evening's television programmes, with an epilogue." Peer Gynt, Olivier, Royal National Theatre, South Bank, London SE1 (01-928 2252). Previews from Fri. Opens Feb 28.

TARTUFFE: Jatinda Verma directs an all-Asian cast in his adaptation of the Molière comedy. Towngate, Basildon (0268 532632). Opens Tues.

MY HEART'S A SUITCASE: New play by Clare McIntyre directed by Max Stafford Clark. Royal Court, Sloane Square, London SW1 (01-730 1745). Previews from Thurs. Opens Feb 13.

THE CRUCIBLE: Arthur Miller's play, directed by Peter Lichtenfels. Haymarket, Leicester (0533 539797). Opens Thurs.

HANGOVER SQUARE: Cut & Thrust's Fidelis Morgan adaptation of the Patrick Hamilton thriller. Lyric Studio, Hammersmith, London W6 (01-741 2311). Previews Wed, Thurs. Opens Fri.

OPERA ROYAL OPERA HOUSE: New production of Prince Igor by Andrel Serban dominates the week. There will be less dancing than it was first hoped, but Bernard Haltink presides over a large enough cast led by Sergei Laiferkus. nces on Mon, Wed and Sat. Feb 10.

240 1066). ENGLISH NATIONAL OPERA: LE Traviata, in David Pountney's challenging production, returns to the Coliseum on Wed in a revival conducted by Martin Handley. The new Beatrice and Benedict continues its run on Tues and Fri, with Faust tonight and Thurs. Collseum, St Martin's Lane, London WC2 (01-836 3161).

Covent Garden, London WC2 (01-

OPERA 80: Starts its tenth anniversary nationwide tour on Wed with a new production of *The* Merry Widow conducted by Stephen Barlow (also Fri); and a new Lucia di Lammermoor conducted by Ivor Bolton on Thurs Wyvern Theatre, Swindon (0793

TRAVELLING OPERA: Peter Knapp's troupe of young professionals with their Barber of Seville on Mon, Wed and Thurs. Yvonne Arnaud Theatre, Guildford, Surrey (0483 60191).

ACROSS

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DANCE

ROYAL BALLET: Swan Lake with Darcey Bussell (her debut) this afternoon, Lesley Collier partnered by French guest Laurent Hilaire tonight, then Viviana Durante on Tues and Ravenna Tucker on

Thurs. Covent Garden (01-240 1066). NORTHERN BALLET THEATRE: New production of Giselle by

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Sat, then touring. Sheffield City Half (0742 735295). KARIN VYNCKE: Dancer from Belgium opens season by women choreographers. ICA Theatre, London SW1 (01-930 5) 3647). Mon-Sat, Feb 10.

Christopher Gable opens Tues-

RAMBERT DANCE COMPANY: Works by Alston, Davies and Tetley at Birmingham Rep tonight (061 236 4455), then at Theatr Clwyd, Mold (0352 55114), with programmes including Cunningham's Doubles, Tues-Thurs and a new work by Ashley Page, Fri and Sat, Feb 10.

JAZZ

YANK LAWSON: The Bob Crosby trumpeter has more recently been in action with The World's Greates Jazz Band. Some dates will include a tribute to Wild Bill Davison. Pizza Express, London W1 (01-439 8722), tonight, and Fri, Feb 9, Sat, Feb 10; Birch Hall Hotel, Oldham (061 624 4391), tomorrow; The Concorde Club, Eastleigh, Hants (0703 613989), Wed; University College School, London NW3 (01-4352215), Thurs.

ART FARMER: Back for another tour, the melliffuous flugethorntrumpet player promotes a new LP. The Leadmill, Sheffield (0742 754500), tomorrow lunchtime; Renouf Restaurant, Rochford (0702 544393), Wed; Colchester Arts Centre (0206 577301), Thurs; Brighton Jazz Club, The Concorde (0273 606460), Fri.

HARRY SOUTH TRIBUTE: A fundraising evening for the pianist-arranger, featuring, among others, Georgie Fame.100 Club, London W1 (01-636 0933), Tues.

KATIA, MARIELLE: At two pianos Katia and Marielle Labeque play Ravei's Ma Mère l'Oye, Stravinsky's Three Mc from Petroushka and Irwin Kostal's arrangement of the Symphonic Dances from Bernstein's West

KENSINGTON KONZERTSTÜCK: Preceded by Suk's Serenade, Peter Blake, Robert Maskell, Simon Rayner and Richard
Watkins of The Philharmonia solo in Schumann's Konzertstück for four horns with the Kensington Symphony Orchestra under Russell Keable. St John's, Smith Sq. London SW1 (01-222 1061). Tues.

FROM ROMANIA: The Athenaeum Quartet of Romania performs Haydn's Quartet Op 76 No 1, Schubert's Quartet D 810 "Death and the Maiden" and Enesco's Quartet No 2. Wigmore Half, 36 Wigmore St.

Vladimir Ashkenazy conducting the

POPULAR PELLEAS: After Cho-Liang Lin has solved in Brahms's Violin Concerto, Esa-Pekka alonen conducts the City of Birmingham Symphony Orchestra in a performance of Schoenberg's popular *Pelleas und Melisande.* Barbican Centre, SIIk St, London EC2 (01-638 8891). Fri, 7.15pm.

Ofra Harnoy (cello) solos in Bloch's rather passionate Schelomo with the LPO under Serge Baudo. Festival Hall. Fri, 7.30pm.

BRIDGE

obby Goldman of Dallas is a laid-back sort of player. A Robert Mitchum lookalike, he is, if anything, cooler and more relaxed than the notably phlegmatic actor. Yet he felt a small surge of adrenaline when, right at the start of last week's relaunched Sunday Times Invitation Pairs, be was faced with a defensive situation. Dealer North. Both

∳ KQ6 ♦ Q7653 N € 975 ♥ KGJ54 ♥ J32 • K4 ● 6432 ♥ 986 ♦ A1075 ♦ QJ 10 ♥ A 103 • 984 À A 10 8 2 Goldman Relofinger Soloway

Goldman as West had led a

heart against 3NT, played by Christian Mari of Paris. Mari held up the ace, won the third round, and had to decide how to develop nine tricks without letting East in. Very reasonably, he elected to cross with a spade and lead the queen of clubs, which was covered by the king and ace.

This was in one of the world's great pair tournaments and Goldman, a fine player, was competing with silly if the play went wrong but, nevertheless, he

falsecarded with the jack. "I hadn't time to think the thing through," he told me afterwards, "but I could see that if I didn't play the jack Britain's top player, while Mari would coast home, as my Andrew Robson, 10 years partner would never get in.

"He would make game with the junior world team champfour club tricks, the ace of ionship last year. Their surge will raise Britain's hopes in the hearts, apparently three spades, and — because I and not my partner held the ace of new-style world championships later this year. diamonds - a diamond trick." This was a simple enough deal: at no other table was the

calculation. The only difference between Goldman and the rest of us is that Goldman made his assessment quickly and was able to play the jack in normal tempo, as though it were the only club he possessed in the whole world. To South this seemed a just

reward for careful play. The chance of finding West with the singleton jack had been a principal reason for leading the queen. It now seemed possible to take five club tricks, and it would not be necessary to bank on West's having the ace of diamonds. So Mari re-entered dummy

with a spade, led a club, and finessed the 8, Goldman recovering the trick he had put at risk on the previous round. South had already played off two spade winners. When Goldman won with the 9 of clubs he was able to remove South's last spade stopper.

South had lost two tricks in hearts and one in clubs. He played out the clubs, but when he led dummy's king of diamonds, Goldman was able to

cash a spade. Goldman and Soloway challenged strongly for the Sunday Times event but were beaten into second place by recently-formed British partnership hotfoot from a similar triumph in The Netherlands only days earlier. Tony Forrester, in his mid-

thirties, is widely considered

younger, helped Britain win

J942 WE 5 South leads low to dummy's queen. If West plays a small card, declarer's next lead will be back to the ace, exposing

the finesse. West must therefore play the 9 on the first round. Now South has the option of playing East for J-x-x-x A detailed knowledge of

deceptive plays at bridge is not vital to the enjoyment of a full life. But such plays do add spice. Like kisses, tricks that are stolen can be sweeter than those that belong by right.

Albert Dormer

CHESS

At loggerheads: Dustin Hoffman, left, fights with dad (Sean Connery)

patriarch. In The Untouchables he was an incorruptible Chicago cop;

Indiana Jones and the Last Crusade found him playing Harrison Ford's

father. Now, in the comedy-drama Family Business, he is father to Dustin Hoffman. Only seven years separate the two; but Connery's character acting can make audiences believe anything. Hoffman, in turn,

plays the father of Matthew Broderick. The family business is New York

crime. Hoffman - gone straight after a nasty spell in jail - finds to his horror that Broderick is abandoning a bright career at college to follow in

grandad's footsteps. The film draws upon a novel by Vincent Patrick.

anthor of The Pope of Greenwich Village. The director is Sidney Lumet,

who first worked with Connery 25 years ago on The Hill. Odeon Leicester Square (01-930 6111), from Friday, certificate 15.

sked who played James Bond in the recent Live and Let Die, a

desperate Mastermind contender suggested Sean Connery. Not so: Connery has carved himself a new niche as cinema's favourite

evin Spraggett, the White also has the bonus of 43 c6 leading Canadian queen-side activity in the 45 Rwo7+ Grandmaster, has future with b4. Championship cycle. In other 18 Qc2 respects, though, his inter-national appearances have 20 Ch4 24 Ce6 been somewhat rare. In the 26 pt Foreign & Colonial Hastings Premier this year, however, he seized his chance to increase his reputation with some fine strategic play. Here is a sample of him at his best.

Kevin Spraggett - Murray Chandler. Foreign & Colonial Hastings Premier, January. English Opening

e5 2 Nc3 Nt6 Nc5 4 e4 d5 Nimzowitsch, who in-

troduced this whole variation at Dresden 1926, would have preferred this move. In Panno Savon. Petropolis 1973. Black achieved his objective after 5 d4 Bg4 6 d5 Nd4 when White was somewhat overextended. Bg4 6 h3 Nd4 8 Od1 h5 10 h4 Rxh6 12 Bh3 Bxf3 g6 Bh6 7 Cad3

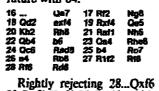
Possibly Chandler underestimated the taking force of this bishop, which is still exerting an influence over the c8 square 30 moves later.

KER Unfortunately ... 0-0-0 is no longer an option for Black, so he must castle by hand and run the gauntlet of White's eventual (4.

Lasting pressure is in-

troduced with this move.

Spraggett can now win the 13 0-0 Kg7 14 No2 c5 15 Nx64 CX64 16 M probably 36... Ng4.



29 Rxf6 Kxf6 30 Qxd6+ with a decisive gain of material. 29 R614 Rf8 30 Kg2 Inspired inactivity. 30 Rf6 would simply acquiesce in a

draw. Undermining Black's queen's wing according to

bza5 32 bza5 Qza5 Qe5 34 Qa5 15 33 Øxd6 35 Øa1

Manoeuvring the queen to a typical hypermodern square from which both Black's a pawn and d pawn are potentially threatened. Ret7 36 Re2 fxe4

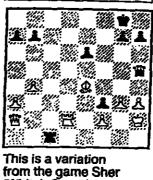
vital d4 pawn, after which his passed pawns are crushing. The last chance was 37 Rxe4 39 Ree2 41 Qc4

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The final shot in Black's

arsenal. If now 48 Q8xg4 Rf2+ 49 Bg2 Qxg2 mate, or 48 Bxg4 Qf2+ with perpetual check. Nevertheless, White has a third possibility which terminates resistance.

WINNING MOVE



(White), Smagin (Black), from the Foreign & Colonial Hastings Masters 1990. What is Black's winning move?

Send your answer on a postcard with your name and address to: The Times Wanning More Competition, The Times, I Permington Street, London E1 9XM, The first life occurred answers drawn on Thursday next week will win a Times walled cized personal chess computer. The warms move will be praised in The Times next Saturday. Solution to yesterday's position: Black wars with 1. Ogd! 2 http3 Rh5 mate (2 Rxe3 Rc1+ 2 Oxe3 Oxe3 3 Rxe3 Rc1+ or 2 Rd1 Rh5 3 h3 Rxh3+ 4 gxh3 Oxe3

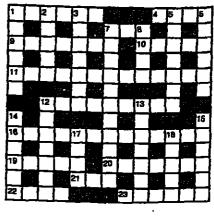
Solution to lest Saturday's compe Black wins with 1...Qx13. The three witners of *The Times* personal chess computers are: Charles Inder, Fargham, Homoshim, D. S. Wagon, Benfixel, Essexi, Griff Purches, Cambridge.

Raymond Keene

CROSSWORD

CONCISE NO 2093

Prizes of the Collins Concise Dictionary will be given for the first two correct solutions opened on Thursday, February 8. Entries should be addressed to The Times Concise Crossword Concision 1. Provided to The Times Course Crossword Concision 1. Provided to The Times Course The William St. O'VAL The Willia petition, I Pennington Street, London, El 9XN. The winners and solution will be announced on Saturday, February 10.



SOLUTION TO NO 2092 ACROSS: 8 Scoring 9 Large 10 Two 11 Poison gas 12 Iceni 14 Samoyed 17 Pumpkin 19 Norse 22 Sprightly 24 Boo 25 Uther 26 Rookery

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The winners of prize concise No 2087 are: E. R. Brooke, Edinburgh; Pamela Wood, Locking Stumps, Warrington.

SOLUTION TO NO 2087 (last Saturday's prize concise) ACROSS: 1 Escape 4 Loop 7 Cow 9 Thinner 10 Astor 11 Asperts of Love 12 Stapstuck 16 Questionnaire 19 Apple 20 Dubious 21 Mss 22 Eyre 23 Return DOWN: 1 Entrap 2 Crimp 3 Panaces 5 Outlook 6 Parcel 7 Cross swords 8 Waif 12 Sleeper 13 Ignoble 14 Equate 15 Reason 17 Tecm 18 Inonu

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CONCERTS

Side Story. Festival Hall, South Bank, London SE1 (01-928 8800). Mon.

London W1 (01-935 2141). Wed.

MORE ARROGANCE: The 'Arrogant Genius'' Richard Strauss series continues with RPO in his *Till Eulenspiegel*. Festival Hall. Wed, 7.30pm.

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● BOOK 54

Sky falls in on Coe and co-stars

A decade of excellence ended yesterday. Sebastian Coe's last hurrah fizzled out (this was especially sad for the people with the "Seb for PM" banner) when he failed to appear for the 1,500 metres heats. A sad way to go, at the end.

This is the way the athlete

Not with a bang but a groin As T. S. Eliot would no

doubt have expressed it, though in fact Coe's problem was a viral infection that had given him lumps on his neck the 1984 Olympics helped a gut to beat each other. and (ugh) around his groin. before that something was displays of superb running wrong. He was patently not himself in the 800 metres the annual rivalries fought out final: he looked drawn and out only on the very biggest of of sorts afterwards. This made occasions. yesterday distinctly weird: we began with much speculation first-class athletes, all genuine about the Coe no-show business, and then the England team manager, John Jeffery, Pied Piper hordes with biros made the extraordinary statement that he had withdrawn Coe against Coe's wishes: "I virtually had to drag him off

the track." I must say I found the idea of Coe doing anything at all from injury. These top aththat he did not wish to letes spend more time with completely unacceptable. physios and doctors than For-There was no question but mula One cars spend with that he was deeply disappointed but the idea of his it will be a great surprise to us being ordered not to run was all if he regains his past bizarre. And Coe said later, excellence. The decade of athlete the impression after more reasonably: "UI- middle-distance invincibility 300m that he is breathing pure timately, it is down to the really does seem to be over. athlete. My decision is my

position as England's most They always want one fight prominent runner in the too many, don't they? You 1,500m and he could even admire the spirit but shake have been narrow favourite your head at the wisdom of it. for it. He said yesterday: "I They never come back... want to keep the flag flying for but I know one athlete who

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no doubt about that. But he is the Olympics in 1980 and then first class of the second class. laid low in 1982 and 1983. The

Simon Barnes

most difficult step from ex- of her career. cellence into greatness: to breathe that rarefied air of the country where Coe, Oven and Cram have lived in their time.

We have grown to expect The absence of the Africans in sustain this belief: but more It was obvious the day important were the annual

> The three of them were all stars whose names drew spectators to the track, attracted and filthy bits of paper, and made millions switch on the television.

> Ovett was the first to go, now Coe has followed. Cram is trying to work his way back mechanics and engineers but

It was, in a way, inevitable that Coe's final farewell Peter Elliott took over Coe's should fizzle out like this.

Great Britain. Maybe it's my did. After a viral complaint, turn to take over the mantle." did. After a viral complaint, too. His name, of course, is Elliott is a first-class athlete, Coe: winner of a gold medal at

1984 was a triumph of ability, a triumph of the will.

This Games seems to be one of transition. We have grown accustomed also to excellence in the women's javelin: Tessa Sanderson won gold but she must now be very near the end

She, too, has had a longterm rivalry with another athlete of similar quality stange how excellence in events often comes in mulmiddle-distance medals as a tiples. Athletes always deny kind of Natural British Right. that their rivals are a stimulus and then they go out and bust

> But Fatima Whitbread looks a shadow of herself after her drastic shoulder op and one is entitled to wonder if she will ever be a force again. Here is another area of excellence, one which we have got used to, and which is disappearing

It seems likely that we may be entering a fallow period in these two events, perhaps especially in middle-distance

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running. This last is a special blow for spectators. The 1,500m is called "the blue riband event," though not because it is harder than anything else (that is probably the 400m, which gives an

It is because it is the most dramatic: an entire playlet of rivalry and ambition is performed in the engagingly brief Racing at this distance is almost always compelling and does not tax the average person's concentration span

I have no wish to say any bad things about Elliott, especially as he looks in terrific

COE'S CAREER

PERSONAL BESTS: 800 metres: 1,000 metres: 2:12.18. 1,500 metres: 3:29.77. Mille: 3:47.33.

Mile: 3:47.33.
WORLD RECORDS: 800 metres: 1:42.33 (1979), 1:41.73 (1981), 1:40.00 metres: 2:13.40 (1980), 2:12.18 (1981). 1,500 metres: 3:32.03 (1979), Mile: 3:48.95 (1979), 3:48.53 (1981), 3:47.33 (1981).
CHAMPIONSHIPS: 1980 Olympic Games: 1,500 metres. 1984 Olympic Games: 1,500 metres. 1985 European championships: 800 metres.

not feel he has to bear the weight of all British hopes for athletic excellence.

If you seek excellence - not mere success but enduring success, the kind of success that lasts from one championship to the next - then turn away from the traditional stronghold of middle-distance running and feast your eyes on the bold black boys of the

We had Linford Christie to show the way. He will be 30 this year and he is a one of the greats. But now there is a generation of young lads all around him. Marcus Adam won a blistering 200m race on Thursday and said afterwards: "I can see a lot more guys breaking the 21sec barrier this

There is also John Regis and Ade Mase, who completed a clean sweep for England in the 200m. Colin Jackson and Tony Jarrett are world-class in the high burdles. In other words, it seems that

the traditional focus for excellence has changed: the black sprinters of the United States that have set the world's standards for years. Now there is a generation of black Brits to

We shall have to see how the generation develops. But a decade of excellence in the



Not with a bang but a whimper: the moment the world ended for Coe as Jeffery broke the news

SWINGING IN THE

There is something exciting about the Bora that even torrential rain cannot dampen, as Michael Watkins discovered. And he had three nonstop days of it. In Bora-Bora, being wet was almost a South Seas

TUCK OF THE IRISH

Hospitality seldom comes with more charm than in the log fire warmth of Irish country houses. Ann Morrow enjoyed the fresh air and the fresh food on a tour of the



had Guadeloupe virtually to themselves when Ros Drinkwater visited the Caribbean sland. Although much of the damage caused by Hurricane Hugo has been repaired, the message has not yet got through to many travellers. Now could be a good time to visit.

Walking a line between fitness and frustration

By John Goodbody

The illness that compelled Sebastian Coe to withdraw from the 1,500 metres at the Commonwealth Games cmphasized once again how a finely tuned athlete is constantly on a tightrope between supreme fitness and physical

Although it is sad that such a glorious career should end in such anti-climax, much of Coe's 14-year span as an international runner has alternated between Olympic gold medals or world records and illness or injury.

In 1982, Coe suffered from a rare blood disease, toxoplasmosis, which probably caused him to come only second at the European

Championships and also cost Ovett, Steve Cram, David In addition, particularly in him a place at the 1983 World Moorcroft and Peter Elliott. professional sport, players

the 1986 Commonwealth Games. He also missed the 1987 World Championships selected for the 1988 Olympics, when he had hoped to defend his 1,500 metres title, after unsuccessfully experimenting with altitude training. Yet he has taken the most elaborate care during training, being regularly monitored since the toxoplasmosis was

first diagnosed in 1983.

Nor is Coe's history unique. Many leading athletes have undergone similar experi-ences; they include his British middle-distance rivals, Steve

Dr Mark Harries, the direc-British Olympic Association medical centre, said yesterday that any top international, "understands his body. He hours if he is aligned to the would be unable to regain their place. For instance, League footballers can "carry" injuries for weeks or even months at a single place. knows if he is slightly ill, although he may not always be able to specify what is wrong. I might feel slightly below par but still be able to go to work and lead an ordinary life." A leading athlete will also be

sychologically affected by the knowledge that he is not 100 per cent fit, particularly at a major event. Dr Harries said there was not quite the same sort of pressure in team as in individual sports, because the

were loath to drop out of tor of clinical services of the teams because they feared

months at a time.

In major international athletics, a few hundredths of a second can often cover the top half-a-dozen competitors: ing slightly off-colour can be the difference between finishing first and being an also-ran. Even a simple cold can lead to a marked diminishment of physical and intellectual nowers - according to work done at the Common Cold Unit in

Wiltshire - and make a loser

Top-class sportsmen, Dr over-training and under-simply because he is leading that the said, had been known for some time to be more A number of competitors and competing so intensively. prone to illness than ordinary

The most recent study to be published in Clinical Sports Medicine is by Dr Bo Berglund, of Sweden, who has detailed how there is a higher incidence of infectious diseases, particularly upper respiratory ones, in cross-country skiers than in other people.

At the BOA medical centre at Harrow, Dr Richard Budgett, the 1984 Olympic gold medal winner in rowing, is developing a thesis of Professor Eric Newsholme, of Oxford University, concerning the relationship between

have been found to have a low level of an essential amino acid, glutamine, which is vital for the white cells that defend against infection. It is possible that in some cases the demands of training and competition have outstripped the normal food supply.

Research has also found that competitors have a low level of testosterone and a high level of cortisol, the stress hormone, following vigorous exercise. Dr Harries said: "This, too, might give rise to a susceptibility to illness." It is possible for an

outstanding competitor to be

I rice twice Washington (AFP) - Simon Brown, of Jamaica, the International Boxing Federation (IBF) welterweight champion. has agreed to give Tyrone Trice of the United States, a second chance to take his crown. The two will meet on April 1, but the venue has yet to be decided. The referee controversially stopped

and competing so intensively.

Too often, the public has

confused the fit with the

the first bout between the two boxers for the vacant title in April 1988 at Berck in France in the fourteenth round. Brown has since successfully defended has since successf his title six times.

French fashion models

Larkins discovers a batting paradise nobody expected

From Alan Lee, Cricket Correspondent, Basseterre, St Kitts

and, on yesterday's evidence, they could be forgiven for thinking they had strayed outside the Caribbean.

What they had found was a bland, pain-free pitch, which obliged the Leeward Islands to employ the last resort of spin, some half hour before lunch. By then, Graham Gooch

and Wayne Larkins had proceeded serenely past 50. The bat was hardly beaten, the ball seldom struck in the air. With the Caribbean's traditional tourist lures much in evidence, Gooch and his players had apparently discovered a paradise far removed from the stressful existence they had been led to expect.

Even allowing for the sus-

picion that this is much too good to last, it was a heartening way for England to begin their first-class programme. No one can have felt more relieved than Gooch, Larkins'

England have never before selection was very much Charlie Griffith, kept Larkins played a tour match in St Kitts Gooch's proposal, and with no quiet for a protracted period. third opener in the party, the success of their alliance is paramount in the England

For an hour, after Gooch had won the toss, his partner looked to have traded in his identity. He had made only eight when, as if sensing there was nothing here to inhibit him, he took the Leewards' newest pace prodigy, Hamish Anthony, for 14 runs in four

England had been tempted to include both their slow bowlers, and they may yet regret declining to do so. The Leewards, like every other team here, put out four fast bowlers, two of them Test players, but there was soon a hint of resignation in their

Although Kenneth Benjamin, whose parents evidently nominated his career by giving him the middle names

quiet for a protracted period, Gooch was massively authoritative, as he must be throughout this tour if England are to have any realistic chance. Cover-driving fluently, he also whipped Winston Benjamin no relation - disdainfully for four over square leg.

Spin arrived in the shape of Noel Guishard, aged 32, and a native of this lovely island. He turned the odd ball slowly but by lunch, the first wicket was worth 79 and the session had been convincingly won.

LEEWARD ISLANDS: S Williams, R Bassue, "R B Richardson, K L T Arthurton, R M Otto, H Anthony, E A E Baptisse, 1L Hants, N C Guiehard, W K M Benjamin, K Benjamin.

place in Sweden.

ance of Kenny Dalelish.

supplemented by two members of the present Scottish and the Rangers defender, Whether the unrest in

Romania has had any effect on the team's performance remains to be seen, but in a World Cup warm-up match on Thursday the Romanians were beaten 3-0 by Pisa, of the Italian second division.

Championship, with hearten-

the Bulgarians achieved a

goalless draw in Glasgow in September 1986, Andy Roxburgh oversaw a 1-0 victory in the return match in Sofia a vear later. It was the first time that the

home team had been beaten in their capital for five years and Mackay's match-winning goal guaranteed the Republic of Ireland a place in the finals for the first time, at the expense of the Bulgarians.

Scotland and Switzerland were also European Championship rivals in November 1982 when the Swiss won 2-0 in Berne and the teams drew 2-2 at Hampden six months later in a match memorable for an outstanding goal from Nicholas, struck on the run from 25 yards.

The joker in the pack is San permitted entry to the tournament for the first time. The last of the old independent republics of Italy, San Marino consists of a land-bound enclave with a population of 22,000, located a short distance from Rimini on the

significance in a tightly contested qualifying group will revolve on how many goals they concede to each of the other contenders.

In a section which seems likely to be settled on goal difference, the Scots cannot take heart from their previously poor scoring record and the supposed minnows of the football world.

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Anti-tour march goes ahead From Richard Streeton, Pietermaritzburg It will be a few days before it maritzburg. For security reasons, however, they were

becomes clear whether the tour by the English cricketers is affected by the sweeping reforms in South Africa announced by President F W de Klerk in Cape Town yesterday. Today's planned protest march by 5,000 trade unionists and other political and community groups from the city centre to the team's match with a South African Invitation XI is still going

Mike Gatting's players were originally booked to stay in a hotel in the centre of Pieter-

switched during Wednesday evening to a beach resort outside Durban some 50 miles away. They finally arrived at

3am after an eight-hour coach journey from Bloemiontein. This weekend's three-day game is the last chance for the English XI to find form before the two five-day internationals take place in the all-rounder, who is also Johannesburg and Cape Town. In particular it will be

important for the batsmen -

apart from Gatting and to a

- to find their touch after unconvincing performances in the first two fixtures. The Invitation XI are the

strongest opposition met so far. They are led by Roy Pienaar, who with 678 runs at an average of 61.63 finished the Currie Cup programme as the leading scorer. Pienaar, who plays for Kent, is the only South African international appearing. Brian McMillan. playing for South Africa next week, has been withdrawn from this match to keep his bowling hidden from Gatlesser extent Athey and Broad ting's players.

The Scots lion can hardly take heart

Scotland, whose progress in the European Championship has never extended to a place in the finals, found themselves in daunting company when the draw for the qualifying sections of the 1992 tournament was made yesterday in Stockholm.

The ballot placed the Scots in group two along with two Eastern European sides, Romania and Bulgaria, as well as Switzerland and the unknown quantity of San Marino. Only one side from each of the seven sections will qualify, along with the host country, for the finals of the championship, which will take

On form, Romania are the strongest side in the section and, like Scotland, have qualified for the World Cup finals in Italy this summer. Last time the countries met, at Hampden Park in March 1986, the Scots won 3-0 in a match which marked the hundredth international appear-

Gordon Strachan scored the opening goal and this was

Scotland also encountered Bulgaria in their last European

Adriatic coast. San Marino's contribution to football has largely consquad. Aitken, the captain, sisted of the issue of vividly coloured commemorative postage stamps but their

ing results overall. Although

Simon Barnes's sporting diary, page 10

Old fo

haur

It is a year or two since one of the four home unions emerged from the Parc des Princes with victory. Though the four of them combined did so, by two points last October, 1982 marked the last year that a five nations' championship win was recorded here, and that by England who did so two years earlier as well, during their grand slam season.

But is is not a ground which holds any fears for England, unlike the Cardiff graveyard. Indeed, they enjoyed the at-mosphere: "We are Englishmen abroad, Paris is a great city to come to, the facilities are a bit special, it's an occasion." Roger Uttley, the coach, said yesterday after his players had concluded training at La Boulie where the playing surface was remarkably firm after a night of heavy

England could, and should, have won, rather than losing tain, also throws into the 10-9 to a breakaway try by Laurent Rodriguez with only seven minutes left. That game in 1988 was the start of Will Carling's international career: now he is captain and one of thing other than respect for the significant changes to have the little man. "He is one of emerged since then, is the the great tacticians of the increased responsibility which all the players take in training - Carling as captain, Moore as pack leader, and the likes of Ackford and Teague, as senior

those last three: the lineout French but it's always a dodgy and the loose will be signifi- area, particularly if conditions cant areas and, in the after-math of England's win over Ireland a fortnight ago, there without great height at the

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FIXTURES: Today: Ireland v Scotland; France v England. February 17: England v Wales; Scotland v France. March S: Weles v Scotland; France v Ireland. March 17: Scotland; France v Ireland. March 17: Scotland;

was concern that it had taken so long to overcome the difficulties Ireland presented at the lineout. There was a lack of communication which should not recur, even amid the firecrackers and bands of the Parc.

Teague is to be used as a support, rather than primary jumper as he was last season when playing at flanker and I imagine Skinner will adopt a roving role, as much at the front as at the back which would lead Dooley to oppose the tall French back markers. Indeed on their last visit The fact that Berbizier, the French scrum-half and caplineout will belp England since his lobbed throwing is not the most accurate feature of his

Not that England have anygame, in a crucial position on the field," Uttley said. "He could influence things enormously. We must make sure he is not given the latitude to do so. At the back of the Much may depend upon lineout we are not as tall as the

W A Dooley

(Preston G'hopp P J Ackford

M C Teague

Paul and Isabelle Duchesnay.

taking on the character of Torvil

and Dean, moved into third place after the original set pattern samba in the European

ce dance championship in the

Lenin Sports Complex

The French brother and sister

now train at Obertsdorf, the old stamping ground of the former

the German Alos, and have the

benefit of Dean's choreographic

expertise and Torvil's practical

Otherwise, as is the depress-

ing way of ice dance, little changed. The world champions,

Marina Klimova and Serge

Ponomarenko, won yesterday's element, as they had done the compulsory dances, and their

Soviet compatriots, Maia

US recall

for Sander

Anne Sander, the US women's

senior golf champion, has been recalled to the American team

for the Curtis Cup match against Britain and Ireland at Somerset Hills, New Jersey, in July.

She will be joined by Carol Thompson, another experienced player, and by a series of debut arter all but one of them.

debutantes, all but one of them under 24. The one is Robin Weiss, who is 36, and the youngsters are Karen Noble,

Katie Peterson, Margaret Platt Brandie Burton and Vicki Goetze, the US amateur cham-

pion and the youngest of all at 17. The team captain is Leslie

Shannon, a member of the

losing sides at Prairie Dunes and at Royal St George's two years

Paul Pridgeon, released by Worcestershire at the end of last

season, has been forced to turn down two offers to play Minor

Counties cricket because of an

recurring Achilles tendon in-jury. Pridgeon will now take up

an appointment as cricket and

football coach at Shrewsbury

Pridgeon post

yesterday.

(Hariequins)
P J Winterbottom

TODAY'S TEAMS IN PARIS

		England
15	Full Back	S D Hodgkinson (Nottingham)
14	Right wing	R Underwood
13	Right centre	W D C Carling* (Harlequins)
12	Left centre	J C Guscott
11	Left wing	M D Bailey (Wasos)
10	Stand off	C R Andrew (Wasps)
9	Scrum half	R J Hall (Bath)
1	Prop	P A G Rendall (Wasps)
2	Hocker	B C Moore (Nottingham)
3 `	Prop	J A Probyn (Wasps)
6	Flanker	M G Skinner
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Lock

Flanker

No 8

Referee: O E Dovie (Ireland REPLACEMENTS: 16 F J Clough (Waspa), 17 S J Halfday (Bath), 18 S M Bates (Waspa), 19 M S Limeti (Moseley), 20 C J Olver (Harfaquins), 21 D W Egentos (Bath)

(Montelerand), 17 M Pujolie (Nice), 18 A Carminati (Béziers), 19 M Sanz (Narhonne), 20 D Camberabero (Béziers),

MOTOR RACING

Senna fine

paid by

McLaren

Paris (Agencies) - McLaren

will be allowed to race in next

season's Formula One

championship after paying a

\$100,000 fine imposed upon

Ayrton Senna for dangerous driving at the Japanese Grand

Prix last year, but the former

world champion must apolo-

gize publicly for claiming last

is allowed to resume driving.

FISA, has set the Brazilian a

deadline of February 15 for

the apology before allowing him to regain his license for

the coming season. The body

has accepted the entries of two McLaren cars, one for

Gerhard Berger and another

for an unspecified driver,

presumably Senna if the dis-

Peter Burns, the team

spokesman, refused to com-

ment on the prospects of Senna settling his differences

with FISA and its president,

Rome (Reuter) - Rudi Völler the West German forward, has

signed a new contract to stay with Roma until 1992. Völler, aged 29, joined Roma in 1987 from Werder Bremen. He

woren for West Germany in their 3-2 defeat by Argentina in the 1986 World Cup final and is expected to figure in the squad again for this year's finals in Italy.

Bonn (Reuter) — West Germany, runners-up in the last two World Cup finals, will warm up for this year's finals, in Italy warm to the comment of the comment

tor this year's finals in trary with matches against France, Uru-guay, Czechoslovakia and Den-mark. They will play France in Montpellier on February 28, Uruguay in Stuttgart on April 25, Czechoslovakia in Dussel-

dorf on May 26 and Denmark in

German plans

scored for West Germany

pute is settled

Jean-Marie Balestre.

Staying on

year's title was fixed before he

The sport's governing body,

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pack, Winterbottom, Teague and the two props, played under Berbizier's leadership in South Africa last year so they should be familiar with his methods.

those of us who were unaware of his points-gathering feats for Toulouse, his club.

enjoy watching the ball pass I hope that my South African experience will help me and, think of nothing except the first kick that I will attempt."

penalties conceded was not.

England had as many penalties or free kicks awarded against them (13) as they were given themselves and it was their good fortune that Michael Kiernan had an off-day with his three attempts at goal. The team management has emphasized the necessity for reducing that number (coincidentally on their last visit to Paris, both countries were enalized 12 times by Owen Doyle, the Irish referee who has charge again today).

sure to repeat a tactic which can produce penalties, the

We are trying to develop a game and a pattern of play". Uttley said, "which will suit the conditions, the nature of the opposition and the demands of the referee on any given occasion. This game will be another indicator on whether we are making

If they are to do so, England must throw off the inhibitions apparent in the opening game and attack France with all, not some, of the weapons at their disposal; if they believe they have good backs they should use them, judiciously of course but not as a final resort.

It is an attitude of mind as much as anything else and if they win today - as they have the capacity to do - then their confidence will be hugely enhanced for the remaining championship games.

ICE SKATING

Samba no strain to Soviets

From John Hennessy, Leningrad

Usova and Alexander Zhulin,

finished second as they had

The three leaders were a class

apart in the originality of their presentations. Perhaps Klimova

and Ponomarenko came nearest

to a conventional samba, skating beautifully, though with one error which must have escaped the notice of the Bulgarian judge. She gave them a 6.0, in

spite of a clear failure of one hold

The French were the most adventurous but all three cou-

ples conspicuously shunned the cliches of wiggled shoulders,

waggled hips and rolled hands. The women's final on

Wednesday night had been a comedy of horrors. The last group supposedly the cream of

the crop, went from one disaster

SPORT IN BRIEF

Durie: lost to White

when she was beaten 6-2, 6-4 by Robin White, of the United States, yesterday.

Veysonnaz, Switzerland (Reu-

ter) - Heavy snow forced the postponement of a women's World Cup Alpine skiing down-

hill race yesterday. The race jury had earlier delayed the start by

an hour because of snowfalls

and poor visibility, hoping con-

Ski race off

Auckland defeat Jo Durie, of Britain, failed to reach the semi-finals of the Nutri-Metics International ten-

done in the compulsories.

They will be equally familiar with Denis Charvet, who was also part of that international tour party and unveiled a capacity for goalkicking entirely unforeseen by

Charvet has yet to lose in a championship match in Paris

this is his eighth — but this will be the first time he enters a game as first choice kicker, I like to kick," he said. "I between the posts and ever since I was young I have had a ball in my hands or at my feet. since Monday, I have tried to

The team that wins this championship will be the one with the most successful goalkicker and, in the concession of points, England have been championship only 27 points were scored against them and the clean sheet against the Irish last month was encouraging, though the number of

Although the French are high ball to the full-back which has the forwards scurrying back desperately to

against the All Blacks only to be progress in that direction."

Irish pack then, is left out for Lenihan to return to win his 44th cap. This should bring some solidity to the scrummage but could give something away in the lineout If Ireland are still looking to

Scots prepare to make the Irish have reasons most of their belated entry to fear flying wing

From Gerald Davies, Dublin

No broader smile was observed during the whole of last season's find a settled team, not so Scotland. Apart from a couple of adjustments it is the same team championship than that of Bob as last year. Dods played at full-back then as a result of Gavin Hastings' injury which kept him out for the whole championship Monro, convenor of the Scottish selectors, at the press conference after his team's win against Ireland at Murrayfield. It was not so much the victory

But this fixture, often erro-

neously considered as an also-

ran contest for the championship when contrasted with simultaneous events at

Twickenham, produced eight tries last season. The bold enterprise seen in Edinburgh in March can be measured by the

quality of the running which saw Scotland go ahead by 19-6

during the first half only for Ireland to go into a 21-19 lead by

vividly entertaining game of the

whole season and it has rarely

failed to satisfy on other occa-

In the three-quarters, Ireland

bring back Brian Smith, the Oxford University stand-off half, who won his first cap

dropped in favour of Peter

Russell for the England game. In the front row, John Fitz-

gerald replaces the hapless Halpin who had such an un-

comfortable time at prop against

Rendall at Twickenham. The

two changes should strengthen the team which seemed to be at

its weakest in these respective

exerted some influence in the

to another. From the devasta-

tion there emerged an unlikely

new champion in Evelyn Grossmann, of East Germany.

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Patov (USSR), 2.0; 6, S Rahkamo and P Kokko (Fin.) 2.4 Brillshit 12, L Purton and A Ptace, 4.8: 15, A M33 and J Biomissid, 6 0. Original set perfame: 1, Klimove and Ponomaterico. 1.0; 2. Usova and Zhulin, 2.0; 3. Duchesney and Duchecnay, 34; 4. Enp. and Tcth. 36. 5. Gritchulis and Platov, 5.0; 6. Rahkamo and Kokko, 8.0. British: 12, Burton and Place, 12.0; 15, Mail and Biomissid, 15.0.

Derek Williams, of South

London, makes the first defend

of his European heavyweight boxing title against Jean Chanet

at St Dizier in eastern France

Bonn (Reuter) — West Germany plans to expand its experimental

scheme for random dope tests

on athletes in training to cover

all Olympic sports, officials said

Tokyo (AFP) — Steffi Graf celebrated her fiftieth consec-utive victory by beating Larisa Savchenko, of the Soviet Union.

6-0. 6-3 in the Pan Pacific Oper

Stuttgart (Reuter) - Porsche, the West German sports car

manufacturer, yesterday denied reports it had signed a deal to

supply the Belgian-owned Onyx Formula One team with engines

Perth (AFP) - Sri Lanka beat

Western Australia by four wick-

ets in a limited-over cricket match here yesterday.

Porsche denial

Tour victory

Title defence

Drugs plan

Half century

However Francis, who had

sions, either.

that brought a twinkle to his eye, Tony Stanger, on the right wing, plays for the first time in the competition. However, he rather that so many scholars of pertinent enough to conclude beforehand that the two has enjoyed a thrilling baptism already in international rugby. He scored twice against Fiji in October and collected another participating teams were no more than "scavengers" of rugby football, had been proved so wrong. With this in mind, it three tries against Romania. Neither match could be said to would be a foolhardy observer who would make such a hasty have the intensity of today's. appraisal of today's game, spon-sored by Digital, between the two teams at Lansdowne Road.

Chalmers, who missed the match against Romania after an operation to his cartilage, re-sumes his partnership with

Armstrong at half-back. The pack of forwards is the same as that of last year.

The championship begins for Scotland today whilst Ireland, after their loss at Twickenham. must win if the remainder of the for them. Jimmy Davidson, the Irish coach, is undeterred by that failure which gave England their second highest margin of victory against them.

He points out that what turned out to be so conclusive a victory for England only began in the 73rd minute of the game when the home team, at the time, only held a 7-0 advantage. It is a backlash from this that Scotland must beware.

TODAV'S TEAMS AT LANSDOWNE BOAD

TODAY'S T	EA	MS AT LAN	SDOWNE ROA	D
Ireland			Scotland	
(Constitution)	15	Full Back	A G Hastings (London Scottish)	15
M J Kiernan (Dolphin)	14	Right wing	A G Stanger	14
B J Multin (Blackrock Collage)	13	Right centre	S Hastings (Watsonlans)	13
D G Irwin (Instoniens)	12	Left centre	S R P Lineen (Boroughmur)	12
K D Crossan (Instonians)	11	Left wing	! Tukalo (Selork)	11
B A Smith (Oxford University)	10	Stand off	C M Chalmers (Metrose)	10
L F P Aheme	9	Scrum half	G Armstrong	9
J J Fitzgerald (Young Munster)	1	Prop	D M B Sole* (Edinburgh Acad)	1
J D McDonald (Majone)	2	Hooker	K S Milne (Heriot's FP)	2
D C Fitzgerald	3	Prop	A P Burnell (London Scottish)	3
P M Matthews (Wanderers)	6	Flanker	j Jeffrey (Kelso)	6
D G Lenihan (Constitution)	4	Lock	C A Gray (Nottingham)	4
W A Anderson* (Dungannon)	5	Lock	D F Cronin	5
PTJO'Hara (Sunday's Well)	7	Flanker	F Calder (Stawn's Methille FP)	7
N P Mannion (Corlettums) "Captain	8	No 3	D 9 White (London Scottish) "Captain	8

Referee: C Norting (Wales)

RUGBY LEAGUE

Wigan in

tough tie

at Widnes

By Keith Macklin

Two outstanding and crucial

matches dominate the first di-

vision fixtures this weekend. This afternoon Widnes enter-

tain Wigen in what many people

regard as an early championship decider, while tomorrow the revived St Helens meet Leeds in

a match between two leading pretenders to the Widnes

The Wigan coach, John

Monie, is does not regard this

afternoon's name as the crucial

one in this season's champ-ionship race. There are plenty

of games to play, and I think it could go right to the last match

of the season. It is not just between Widnes and Wigan. Leeds are just behind, and St Helens and Wakefield Trinity

could make big bids for the

Wigan are without Gregory, Lydon, Iro, Shelford, Koloto, and Hampson but Widnes are also bandicapped by the loss of

the Hulme brothers. Myler, and

The good news for Widnes is that Jonathan Davies seems to

have recovered from a nagging

hamstring injury and is ready to resume. Wigan, as ever, rely on

their strong pool of younger players to fill the gaps. At Knowskey Road, St Helens

seem to be piccing things to-gether after the departure of Alex Murphy, and they had a

convincing victory in midweek to damage the championship prospects of Bradford Northern.

Leeds, who were knocked out of the Silk Cut Challenge Cup by

Northern, got their revenge a week later in a league game, and with no other honours to play

for are making a powerful bid for the first division title.

second division is at York, where Ryedale York have a home fixture with the surprise leaders Rochdale Homets. With

Oldbara and Hull Kingston

Rovers mady to pounce victory

is crucial to both sides, and

Ryedale York need to recover

rapidly from the shock defeat by Fulham in the Challenge Cup.

The outstanding match in the

Currier, who is suspended.

throne.

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When Scotland scored their record 37-21 victory over Ireland in Edinburgh last year the game ras a personal triumph for Iwan Tukalo, the Selkirk wing, who scored three tries in what was one of the best matches ever seen

Now, after recovering from an injury which forced him out of the team which beat Romania in December, Tukalo is back in the Scotland side to face Ireland in blin today. Five years on from international debut this occasion will be another important "first" for the former Royal High School scram half. That emphasis on speed con-trasted sharply with hist year's squad session at Peebles remem-bered by most players for "the captain's run" — a three-mile cross country slog led by Finlay

"I have never played for Scotland in the five nations' championship at Lansdowne Read," he explained. "I did appear there as scrum half for Scottish Schools against Irish Schools but then the crowd barely exceeded three."

ing the McEwan's interdistrict championship was another source of frustration for Takalo, who tore elbow liga-ments while playing for Selkirk against Edinburgh Academicals. The initial cure was rest fol-lowed by physiotherapy much of which consisted of "squeezing one of those little tennis balls." Meanwhile Tukalo's rivals were staking their claims to the left-wing berth in the national team. Lindsay Renwick, the

ected for the senior team in the Scottish trial at Murrayfield. Roger Baird played well enough for South to suggest that Stewart Porter, the strong run-ning Malone wing, had an tries.

London Scot, won his first cap against Romania and was se-

fitness despite having played only four matches since recovering from his injury. These include the trial match in which he played on the Reds side, beaten by eight tries to nil by the Rines "It was difficult being on the receiving end," he said. "I only hope it didn't discourage some of the younger players."

A few weeks away from his
29th birthday Tukalo is not in

impressive debut against

Porter had another good press after Scotland had lost to France

B in Oyonnax. But three days later, when the Scotland team to

play Ireland was announced, it was Tukalo who was in.

Scotland's selectors, said that

eration. Pace is not a quality in

which Tukalo is lacking.

At the Scotland squad weekend in Gleneagles all the players

were timed over 50 metres. "I managed to achieve the best time of 5.95sec just ahead of Tony Stanger," Tukalo said.

Tukalo feels he is back to fuil

Bob Manro, the chairman of

my total of Scotland caps to at ast 20," he says. When he runs out at Lansdowne Road today it will be his 19th appearant

A double first at Ayr

Andy MacDonald, the Cam- Scottish trial last month and not bridge blue and Scotland B forward, makes his first full appearance for London Scottish against Ayr at Millbrae today

appeared for the second XV last weekend against Metropolitan Police, is at lock where he

in his Scotland B position at This will be the first time the

two clubs have met at Millbrae and it is regrettable that Ayr will be understrength with two players. Sandy Crear and David Brown, under suspension following their dismissals in the McEwan's league game last played for the Reds in the Saturday against Heriot's FP.

SQUASH RACKETS

season as top seed here, seeking

draw seemed almost calculated

stant challenge that her playing career has become since she unexpectedly won the World

An arboreal argument Langer lost

home again this weekend, seeded third and second respec-

tively, defending their local and

international reputations in the

Guernsey Open, against the strongest women's field so far

this season. Susan Devoy, of New Zea-

Bernhard Langer is a polite man, given to keeping his donner and blazens to himself. But on Thursday, in the first round of the AT&T Pebble Beach National Pro-Am, even Mary Whitehouse would surely have forciven him an expletive or two (Patricia Davies writes). Langer was bowling along nicely at Spyglass Hill until he came to the first, his 10th, the

longest hole Left with 100 yards to the pin his wedge was not perfection and the ball but a tree and did not come down, In 1954, Johnny Weissmuller proved Johnny Weissmuller proved vaudeville was not dead by hitting his ball out of a tree, then dangling from a branch and emitting his famous yell. Langer performed a similar wonder of less theatrically, at Fultord a few

But this time there was no chance of arboreal athleticism. Instead he identified his ball through field glasses and prepared to drop another. A rules official arrived and demanded proof of identification. More moculars had to be commandeered, the official agreed it was a Titleist 1, and Langer played

He took three putts for an eight on the hole and finished in

LEADING FIRST ROUND SCORES (US unhers stated) 55: P. Stoward 57: M. C'Maara 68: S. Uhey, J. Wroodward, J. Thorpe. B. Geter 69: R. Morhalti, T. R. G. Royd, B. Eathwood, B. Chara, M. Calcavocchin 70: 8 Waldams, J. Staman, P. Jacobson, D. Lange, B. Brittin, B. Brand, J. Wason, J. Edwards, M. Schuchner, J. Cook, R. Ferr. Europoon scores: 72: H. Clark (GB), B. Langer (WG), 72: S. Lyle (GB)

Guernsey's girls are home again By Colin McOnillan England's two famous squash ago, chose to start her European exports from Guernsey, Martine L: Moignair and Lisa Opie, are

vengeance where it might do the most psychological harm — in a final on her successor's home ground. Looking slightly rusty, but just as lethal as ever, the world No 1. aged 26, progressed 10-9, 9-1, 9-7, against Sharon Bradey, of Australia. Le Moignan's first round

land, from whom LeMoignan draw seemed almost calculated took the world title 18 months to fix attention upon the con-

THE:
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Drady (Aus) bt F Geaves (Eng) 10-9, 9-2,
9-3; P Best (Instanc) bt C Jackman (Eng) 9-4, 10-9, 6-9, 2-9, 10-6; S Priz Gerald (Aus)
bt S Winght (Eng) 9-2, 9-5, 9-4; M La
Mougnan (Eng) bt L Soutter (Eng) 9-7, 7-9,
9-10, 9-3, 9-3; S Horner (Eng) bt M Mertin
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Storm clouds gather over Old Trafford

For the first time in living memory, this afternoon's 100th Manchester derby could be described as a six-point relegation battle. For the first time in over a decade, United go into a derby not perhaps as underdogs, but certainly in a worse state of disarray on and off the pitch than their

Given that Manchester City have had their new manager, Howard Kendall, only eight weeks, having sacked his predecessor when the side touched the bottom, that is some achievement. Almost unthinkably, United are being quoted as 5-2 for relegation. Yet should they lose this

afternoon, extending their run of League games without a win to 11, those odds will begin to appear generous: not even the job. herculean efforts of Bryan Robson can disguise the fact their manager's wrath at that the side, which cost the people speaking out of turn, manager, Alex Ferguson, a are keeping any reservations cool £13 million to assemble, to themselves, and United's

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The nationally-televised

ing all season: 11 stumbling, uncertain individuals, searching desperately for something Signings to hold on to amid the chaos, lightened all-too-rarely by the occasional flash of individual brilliance from Mark Hughes. At most clubs, that would already have been a sacking offence for the manager. Yet at Old Trafford, for the moment, the fans are grumbling

resignedly rather than in open revolt, as last week's Manchester Evening News football pink letters column, that reliable and sometimes witty barometer of the fans' moods, indicated, and the board, while waiting to see who is going to take the club over, has so far gone along with Bobby Chariton's apparent conviction that Alex Ferguson is still the man for the

Ferguson's players, aware of willingness to employ the FA's charge of bringing the game flop against Norwich City two into disrepute against even weeks ago was only an exag-anodyne critics, has enjoined gerated version of what discretion elsewhere.



Tellingly, the people in football I spoke with did not want to go on the record.

But doubt there is, and it is growing by the moment. Certainly, the boardroom shenanigans have not helped United Certainly, too, the club which Ferguson inherited was not a healthy one, with the star syndrome, so despised at Anfield, militating against good club and team values, and priorities in the board-

the most appropriate schedule

Scotland and Northern Ire-

land were thrown in with

unfamiliar nations who are

mere specks on the European

map. San Marino, on the

Italian border, and the Faroe

Islands, isolated in the North

Atlantic, will be making their

debuts in senior international

Both of the newcomers are

without a home venue. San

Marino, who can call on one member of the AC Milan

squad but most of their play-

ers are scattered throughout

the lower divisions of the Italian League, have staged under-21 internationals in

Pisa. They may use the same

or a similar location for their

play away because their only

suitable pitch is artificial. The

championship hosts, who are

not involved in the qualifying

tournament, made a charming

gesture and invited the island-

ers to play in grounds where

the finals themselves will un-

fold, such as Malmo and

The Faroe Islands must also

In contrast to England,

Norman Whiteside, are star- Strachan and Kevin Moran,

Meanwhile, to the fans'

open to question. The club undoubtedly needed a blast from the bracing winds of discipline which Ferguson

But did it need a puritanical

sergeant major? For after making all those allowances,

what are we left with? The

worst United side 1 have ever

brought with him.

It has been an open secret on the football circuit that Ferguson's ascetic lifestyle and total immersion in foot-

ball did not gell with the more free-spirited Irishmen, McGrath's car crash and subsequent ban for drink driving while on the injured list not endearing him to the manager. But as one of his other

former players remarked: "If you have a long-term injury every day, it is deadly, and players will sometimes drown their sorrows. But you never heard these stories about drinking when Ron Atkinson was manager. Players don't change that much suddenly, it just comes down to how it was management"

But, even if one grants that Ferguson was right, in the interests of discipline, to allow McGrath and Whiteside to go (and there are many who do not), some of his other transfer Meanwhile, to the fans' transactions make his judge-chagrin, two of Ferguson's ment look very questionable. cast-offs, Paul McGrath and The release of Gordon

Everton at the right end of the ment of the latter by the only Neil Webb has certainly not marginally younger Mal helped Ferguson's cause, but Donaghy, at a cost of had it not happened, he £700,000, seemed particularly apparently intended to use baffling, "Donaghy is the last Phelan, a natural midfield piece in the jigsaw to win the anchor-man with an eye for championship," Ferguson the telling pass, but lacking said at the time.

Hughes, a player whose in- found himself at full-back or, dividual brilliance occa- recently, sweeper. sionally reminds the longsuffering fans of the great, but whose presence is now looking around," one of his cast-offs and just go in for treatment a mixed blessing. Two inter- remarked. "You've got to national forwards, to my knowledge, have said that Hughes is the most difficult partner to play with they have ever come across, and the effect is visible on poor Bryan McClair, who became the first United player since George Best to score 20 goals in a

> will never score again. the future, and Phelan has battled hard in difficult circumstances. Yet even his signing raises further questions about the manager's

said at the time.

The same claim was made larly, Paul Ince, signed as an about the return of Mark attacking midfield player.

"I cannot understand how he can keep switching players have a settled team so you can be organised and players know

The effect of that is clearly visible, highly-valued players. stumbling around with furrowed brows, uncertain what they are expected to do.
The contrast with Maine

season, but now looks as if he Road, where Kendall has given the side a firm structure There have been plusses. as his first task, is startling. Pailister, if over-priced, looks This being a derby, and with an excellent investment for September's 5-1 thrashing to avenge, United will probably win, and give Ferguson more breathing space.
United have cut the crowd

limit for tomorrow's match

Old foes return to haunt Robson in European draw

From Stuart Jones Football Correspondent Stockholm

belief echoed around the regal belief echoed around the regal town hall here yesterday, during the draw for qualifying stages of the 1992 European Championship. As each of mark, Austria, Northern Ireland, England's opponents were re-England's opponents were revealed, the audience of dignitaries, officials and media representatives reacted as one. All were gripped with a sense

For England to be drawn with the Republic of Ireland yet again was unlikely. To be paired with Poland yet again was improbable. To be linked with Turkey yet again was stretching credibility. Although there was no evidence of skulduggery by the UEFA organizers, the odds against such a sequence were

After the ceremony Bobby Robson stood in front of the platform, on which the draw had been conducted, and regu- March but then we were put in larly punctuated his conversa- the same World Cup group. tion with backward glances. We planned to meet them next Bennused by the familiarity of the opposition, he kept check-think about that again, too." ing the board as if he imagined the names in Group 7 might that England were included in accepted by UEFA on the eve

"It is an astonishing coincidence," he said. "That chances of reaching the finals will be the third time we will have played each of them in a tournament since I've been hosts — the reduced prohome countries. Had the idea manager. The chances against gramme allows Robson the that must be a million to one. I thought that we might have somebody different for a

Robson was offered the

Championship draw Three audible gasps of dis- slovakia, France, loeland, Albania.

> GROUP SIX: Netherlands, Portugal, Greece, Finland, Malta, GROUP SEVEN: England, Republic of Ireland, Poland, Turkey. of treand, Poland, Turley.
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> Qualifying matches to be played from September 1990. Winner of each group to qualify for the finals, along with the hosts, Sweden. Championship to be played in Stockholm, Gothenburg, Malmo and Norricoping from June 10 to 25, 1009.

positive response but his search in vain.

"We know them but they. know us. It is a double-edged sword. To draw the Irish again was particularly amazing. We were going to play them in hink about that again, too."

Norrkoping. The application
The one consolation was by the Faroe Islands was

the only group of four nations. of the draw. opportunity to avoid a competitive fixture in September, when his side is traditionally at its weakest.

He preferred not to elabosympathy of every passer-by. rate on his intentions. "Other-"Same teams again," they wise, that would give the muttered, shaking their heads. opposition an idea of what The England manager, who might not be in charge of the until February 26, when represquad by the time the qualify- sentatives from the four couning competition opens later tries are to assemble in this year, attempted to find a London, before negotiating

Phelan: fit to return for Manchester United at Old Trafford Aberdeen need to recover from loss

If any pretender to Glasgow Rangers' championship crown is to emerge it appears most likely that they will have to make their move this afternoon. Heart of Midlothian and been accepted, the country which progressed the furthest in the forthcoming European tournament would have been Aberdeen meet at Pittodrie and are in joint second place in the chosen as the representatives. ● UEFA will put a proposal before the European Commission in March that clubs who enter European competitions will be allowed a maximum of four players who maximum of four players who maximum of four players who won on their last excursion to are ineligible to play for the Pittodrie. The home side must recover from their unexpected defeat by St Mirren last Sat-urday, a result which prejudiced their chances of keeping pace country to which the club is

with Rangers.
Aberdeen will be reinforced Aberdeen will be reinforced by the return of the Dutch goalkeeper, Theo Snelders, while Hearts have two casualties following last week's victory over Dundee United. John Colquhoun, who sustained a damaged knee, looks more likely to play than Dave McCreery, who had a cut ankle. The supporters of both sides at Pittodrie will be concerned about the outcome of the fixture at Ibrox, where Dundee United

Richard Gongh will again assume the role of captain and it seems likely that Tom Coean or Coventry v Chel: seems likely that Tom Cocan or Neale Cooper will partner John Brown in the centre of defence. Dundee United, although beaten at Tynecastle last week, will continue with the 13 who were on duty in Edinburgh.

Glasgow Celtic, will welcome their visit to Dens Park, if only because it gets them away from because it gets them away from Parkhead, where they have had three consecutive home defeats.

Dundee, by contrast, ended a lengthy run without a victory by beating Hibernian in their previous fixture. The Celtic manager, Billy McNeill, has included the dis-affected midfield player, Peter Grant, and Peter Elliott, who

was injured in a midweek reserve match. Dundee include Craig, Beedie and McBride.

Dunfermline and St Mirres meet at East End Park, each without influential contributors.

In St Mirren's case the absent player is Torfarson, the Icelan-dic forward, while Dunfermline are without the Hungarian playmaker, Koszma. Motherwell, who feel, they have not been sufficiently cred-

ited for their achievement in beating Celtic, meet Hibernian, at Easter Road. Hibernian have scored only two goals in six matches and recall Houchen but Motherwell screnely name their customary 13 plus Dolan, Mais and Griffin.

Kendall's shadow falls across the paths of his rivals

If anyone is capable of being in two places at the same time today, it is Howard Kendall, Come sunshine or rain, he will cast a shadow which stretches all the way from Manchester to Liverpool. Alex Ferguson and Colin Harvey each have their reasons for wishing to push him back into the shade.

fore Kendall returned from Spain, Ferguson had to live with the nasty rumour, gaining cre-dence by the day, that the former Everton manager would eventually replace him at Old Traffierd. If comparisons were uncomfortable then for Ferguson, they are almost unbear-able now, with Kendell moving into town to revitalize the fortunes of Manchester City while those of Manchester United continue to flounder.

Today's derby on home ground gives Ferguson the opportunity to halt Kendall's opportunity to halt Kendall's advance, stop the rot of 11 League games without a win and, perhaps most importantly, put United above City in the table. Their first away win in the first division since November 1986 will be City's incentive.

It has been Kendall's past rather than his future which has presented the greatest threat to Harvey's position as Everton manager, Kendall's has been almost an impossible act to follow, embracing as it did two League championships and FA Cup and Cup Winners Cup

Hope springs eternal as Everton go into the Menseyside derby, with Harvey confirming yes-terday that his team were still in the championship race, albeit 11 points behind - but with one game in hand — their great rivals.

Liverpool's recent record of 13 League and cup games without defeat diaguises a less consistent level of form. There consistent level of form. There appeared to be little wrong with them on Wednesday, though, when they removed, somewhat impressively, Norwich City from the FA Cup in a replay, nor with them last Sunday in the first game at Carrow Road. They are likely to retain the same side, bolstered by the thought that Gillespie and Houghton begin active recovery from injury in an A team game this morning.

active recovery from injury in an A team game this morning. The Manchester derby will be watched by the smallest crowd in 59 years. At a cost to United of £30,000, it has been decided to reduce the Old Trafford capacity from 52,000 to 40,000 in an effort to avoid a repetition of the count traphle at the in an effort to avoid a repetition of the crowd trouble at the reverse fixture, when tickets fell into the wrong hands. City have been allocated just 4,600 tickets. City's sweeter memory from last September will be the 5-1 defeat they inflicted upon United. Kendall's new broom has swept away six of that side. The loss of Reid, through suspension, will office that of Robson to United, because of

The turn of the decade has injury, for the eighth consec-brought a change in Everton's unive game. Phelan, however, is lack and a run of seven League fit to return.

WEEKEND TEAM NEWS

Coventry v Chelsea Galtacher, Coventry's £900,000 record midweek signing from Dundee United makes his debut. Monitou (hamstring) miss his first game of the season for Chelses. Le Saux (linee) is also phent to Lee nathers. absent, so Lee partners

Liverpool v Everton Liver pool field the side which put Norwich out of the FA Cup in midweek. Everton stick to the team which defeated Sheffield Wednesday last Sunday.

Man Utd v Man City Robson (groin) misses his eighth consecutive game for United. Phelan returns from Unisid. Prisat retains from injury and could replace lince (hamstring) who faces a late itness test. Harper returns at sweeper for City after injury, but Reid is suspended and

Noting F v C Palace Forest are unattered, so Currie, a £700,000 signing from Barnsley, remains on the substitutes' bench. Shaw could operate as a sweeper for Palace, who drop Dyer to substitute, alongside Newman.

OPR v Aston Villa QPR field the side which beet Arsenal in midweek, but add Ferdinand to the squad. McGrath has recovered from a knee injury and starts for Villa who may recall Daley at Birch's expense.

Sheff Wed v Millwall Francis, dismissed as manager of QPR in November, is a susbstitute for Wednesday, who are otherwise unchanged. Mitwell give Hurlock and Waddock late fitness tests; Horrix

Southampton v Derby Rodney Wallace (hip) faces a late fitness test for Southampton; Ruddock continues to be preferred to Moore in central defence. Shilton (back) is unable to appear against his former club so Taylor continues in goal for Derby. Wright returns.

Wimbledon v Luton Wimbledon recall Wise because Bennett (ankle) is absent. Young is suspended so Curle and Scales suspended so Curie and Scales continue in central defence. Elstruo

Tomorrow First division

Tottenham v Norwich Gascolgne returns to the Tottenham squad after recovery from a broken arm. Butterworth (virus) is doubtful for Norwich. Second division Newcastle v Sunderland Brock (knee), and Ranson (groin) face late fitness tests for Newcastle; Anderson and Bradshaw stand-by. Sunderland

replace Semett (suspended) with Agboola in central defence, and await fitness tests on MacPhali (chest) and Ord (eye).

Tall order for Kingston

Kingston, the four-time winners of the Coca-Cola National Cup, face their toughest test ever in the competition with the visit of

Paul Stimpson.

Manchester Giants field a

steam free from injury and can turn the tables on the Surrey-based side for their defeat in the National Trophy final, at the end of last year.

have a daunting trip to Bury, of National League Division One stand little chance of beating Sunderland at home while Derby versus Solent could be the tightest match of all.

Pinning down an elusive genius

career of Sir Stanley Matthews, "the wizard of dribble", coiacides fittingly with his 75th birthday on Thursday. At this ripe old age, he is still extremely fit and eager and able to coach inesters and demonstrate his dribbling trickery, albeit in

Slower tempo.

David Miller, the author of his fascinating and nostalgic biography, is suited to write the story about our national football hero, for he, too, played as a wingman with some distinction in high amateur circles. He has the feel of what it takes to make successful attacks along the touchline and of the exhibitanting

opposents.
This book is a deeply researched account into the nature in outwitting defenders, as well as a chronicle of events in family life and of great matches which affected his football career and character. Much of the story and analysis comes from op expressed by contemp

Their views also revive controversies that still rage about the value of the individual

As the first England team manager, I have often been asked to compare the talent of Matthews with that of modern generation. The game today is vastly different in team commit-ment to solid defence, in the speed and continuity of interoften with unfair res However, like all elusive for

wards, past and present, Mat-thews was gifted with fast muscles which gave him rapid acceleration of movement and the ability to stop and start more



thrusts, often to score spectac

iar goals, Matthews played a "cat-and-mouse" game with his opponents: shuffling slowly to-wards them, tempting them to tackle and then escaping with dancing feet to leave players and spectators spellbound at the sheer magic of his act.

Matthews was sometimes criticized for over-playing his hand, but one had to value the effect of his playing missing the effect of his play in medical time.

effect of his play in undermining the confidence of opponents. He was an entertainer whose selection for a match either for club or country was a sure box office attraction.

ttraction. In Brussels in 1947, when England defeated Belgium 5-2, Matthews, time and again, drib-bled past several defenders be-fore laying on precise centres. The fourth goal was spectacular. The fourth goal was spectacular. Matthews, in an astonishing sequence of swerving, checking and darting, heat a number of opponents to lay on a simple pass for Lawton to score. There was a burst of cheering and applause and then the crowd started a rhythmic handelsp in time with the walk of Matthews back to the halfway line. Those in seats, including the VIP section, ruse to their feet to join is.

in.

Then something happened which I had previously not seen nor have I seen again. The Belgian team, to a man, stood still and started to clap and so did his English colleagues. It was a remarkable and somewhat emotional tribute to a shy and embarrassed footballer.

In ontie a different setting

embarrassed footballer.

In quite a different setting, some years later, England played another friendly match in Schaffhausen, Switzerland, watched by a small crowd of some 6,000 spectators, seated in temporary stands around a school football pitch. The game school footbell pitch. I ne game was a gesture by the English FA. to influence the people of Schaff-hausen to provide a new ground for their local team. Stanley Matthews had a field day, once Matthews has a new ony, unce beating his opponent without touching the ball close to his feet near the touchline.

At the banquet following the match, the referee in a speech confided that after some 20

minutes play he was maure about a corner. So he asked the left back if the ball had glanced off him by any chance. "Don't be silly, ref," came the reply. "I haven't been near enough to the baven't been near enough to me ball yet to get my first kick at it." Sir Stanley is a living football legend. This informative and-easily readable biography will

easily reasone onography will keep the legend alive. Younger readers may feel that many of the stories about Matthews are exaggerated, making him a hero larger than life but, on his day, what he did was quite

Sir Walter Winterbottom was munager of the England football

CYCLING

Baker steels himself for championship

David Baker, the British open cyclo-cross champion, has declared he is in good form after preparing in Northern Spain for tomorrow's world professional championship. cyclo-cross championship, at Getxo (a Special Correspondent writes).
Perhaps he should feel at ease,

as well, for nearby Bilbao is a steel-producing city, like his home town of Sheffield. He came 12th in the major Super Prestige international race in Switzerland, where has spent much of the last two years, last Sunday, and aims to better his excellent 11th in the world championship last year in

On that occasion, Steve Douce, the British national champion six times, crashed in the first few yards. He has the class for a good placing here if he

In today's amateur event, Britain fields Steve Barnes, second to Baker in the national championship, Barrie Clarke, Dave Brooker and Tim Davies.

lacked was the ability to play in a team. He could have an international career of 10 years ahead of him".

Le Tissier remains in England's domain

ing forward, might be posched by France (Stnart Jones writes). Michel Platini had expressed interest in selecting the 22-year-old but he has already represented England in an under-18 tournament and will not be allowed to change allegaince.

Under FIFA's rules, and with the mutual agreement of two nations, a player is allowed to change nationalities if he has not performed in an efficial connectifive match. "The answer other if the Franch asked me, to contract.

BASKETBALL

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SCHOOLS MATCHES: CHion Cotage (M Windows and J Crane) bt Radiey (H Birts and R Hunter), 16-0, 15-1, 18-5, 18-0.

PENTINE One-day matchs: Young England 283 for 8 (55 overs: 1 A Radiord 71, A Nebb 57, J P Cynwley 49; Western Australia under-31 275 for 8 (56 overs: Langer 82, Hodge 78, Young England won by eight runs. PERTINE One-day Sanse: Western Australia 204 for 7 (48 overs: W Andrews 103 not out; Sri Lankens 206 for 8 (483 overs: H P Titalearagne 88, R Mahanema 69, Sri Lankens.

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Stockholm — Bobby Robson, the England manager, yesterday ended speculation that Matthew Le Tissier, Southampton's exciting forward, might be poached by France (Struct Language system)

commission Lou Macari, the West Ham United manager, and Brian Hillier, the Swindon Town

chairman, are to appear at an FA disciplinary commission on They have been charged with misconduct over an alleged breach of betting regulations. Macari was manager of Swindon for nearly five years. Newcastle are hoping to complete the £150,000 transfer of Mirandinha to his former club, Palmeiras, of Brazil.

FOR THE RECORD

FOOTBALL

ATHLETICS

Macari and

Hillier at

at Ibrox, where Dundee United are the visitors. United have often proved to be awkward opponents and today at least they meet a Rangers side de-pleted by the loss of their captain, Terry Butcher, through The visit of Aston Villa to Coventry City has been moved to March 4 so it can be be suspension, and his replace-ment, Scott Nisbet, who is

> SQUASH RACKETS SCHOOLS MATCHES: Lancing 5, Tonbridge (; Lancing senior colts 4, Tonbridge Lancing junior colts 4, Tonbridge 1.

CLISCALL CUP: Askind 1, Westdetone 0.
BERNSHOMAN SENIOR CUP: Fourth round replay: Postponed: VS Rugby V Halsowers.
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HOCKEY SCHOOLS MATCHES: Bryenston 3, Dorset HA XI 0; King's (Rochester) 3, Old Rossensters 1; Watterd GS 0, Merchant Rossenshins 1: Treport School 1.
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HOCKEY Leman is out to seize

one of the last places

season, are trying to seize one of the last two places in the quarter-finals of this year's com-petition when they play Indian Gymkhana at Feltham today. Richard Leman, the East Grinstead captain, and Robert Clift are making their last appearance for the club before leaving for Labore on Tuesday to take part in the World Cup tournament, and so for Leman in particular, who also leads the England team, today's match has added significance. Indian Gymkhana failed to

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Soor in support, they are by no

Teddington are at home to
Old Loughtonians in the
remaining fifth-round match at
Broom Road School. Both
teams reached the quarter-finals I after extra time. Old Longhtonians themselves have two World Cup players, Halls and Nick Thompson, and reach the quarter-finals last year, having been beaten 6-0 by Teddington in the fifth round. But with Kulbir Bhaura to guide them and Charanjir Bhaura.

Guildford in the third round of the Nationwide Anglia Cup last season, are trying to seize one of the last two places in the quarter-finals of this year's competition when they play Indian Carlon with the play Indian Carlon wi who is on boliday.

> last year, Teddington losing 2-0 to Isca and Old Loughtonians yielding to Bromley, who won 2-

can rely on Jennings to provide the motivation. Teddington's defence will be weakened by the absence of the injured Paul Smith and Riley, who is abroad. Today's winners will join Southmeans short of experience.

When these teams met on Reading and Harleston MagNovember last year in the pies in the quarter-finals.

BASKETBALL against Giants

Manchester Giants to Tolworth in the quarter-finals tonight, in the quarter-finals tonight, (Julian Desborough writes).

Kingston, the Carlsberg League leaders, have had a torrid month with injuries to key players. Joel Moore is unlikely to play; Alton Byrd has an elbow complaint while Mich Blant, the American control cah Blunt, the American centre, has aggravated a foot injury. Byrd and Blunt play, as does

end of last year.

In the other ties, Bracknell have a daunting trip to Bury, of National League Division One and Stockport, of Division Two, of heating the last the

Wheatley

losing

four-day battle By Martin Searby The Test and County Cricket Board is close to admitting defeat in its struggle to bring in a four-day county championship, which Lord's officials feel is vital to improve an England team which has won only one of its last 25 Test matches Ossie Wheatley, the chairman of the TCCB cricket committee, was clearly nonplussed when the debate went public at a meeting of members of the Derbyshire Cricket Society and the Chester-field Cricket Lovers. A show of hands showed that no more than seven per cent of those present seven per cent of those present supported the plan.

"The board has done wonders over the last 20 years," he told the meeting, "In 1968 the counties had to share just £239,000. But this year the dividend has come from £6.9 million in the bits." come from £6.9 million in the kitty. The beard has done plenty for you, now it is time you did something for England."

He added: "Three-day cricket is not a game which brings people through the gates. It took a marketing committee to give you the prosperous times you are enjoying now." Wheatley said a 16-match championship programme small give an extra day. gramme would give an extra day of preparation before Tests, where England teams are at present at a serious disadvantage, but later admitted privately to The Times that he Putting the opposition case, Peter Edwards, the chief execreser Edwards, the chief executive of Essex, said that his county projected losses of £250,000 for seasons 1991-92 under the new proposals and said: "Mickey Stewart cannot guarantee a successful England team in the next lies tream but."

can guarantee that five counties will be out of business if this plan goes shead." will be out of business if this plan goes ahead."

Edwards received rossing support for his arguments against the four-day game. He insisted that money must be spent at under-19 level to improve the technical qualities of England players.

"At Essex we have put £100,000 isto youth cricket and it has paid a dividend with players like Stephenson and Hussain coming through as well as Pringle and Foster who have been with us since the age of 12. So much money is being wasted and if counties' revenue fell Easex, for one, would have to abandon the youth programme

eam in the next five years but I

abandon the youth programme and that has got to be bad for the It seems clear that the TCCB has failed to anticipate mem-bers' opposition and failed to hers' opposition and failed to move early enough to counter it. More lobbying by Wheatley and his colleagues would have imhis colleagues would have im-proved the board's chances of getting the proposals through.

CRICKET: LARWOOD UNREPENTANT ABOUT ENGLAND'S USE OF BODYLINE TACTICS DURING THE INFAMOUS 1932-33 SERIES IN AUSTRALIA Firebrand's passion all spent

He lives with his wife, Lois, his memories, and his trophies. That it is over a year since his sight became too poor for him to venture beyond the front gate of his Sydney home seems not to worry him in the least. He knows his way round the little house and garden, both of them spick and span, and, through the telephone directory, pilgrims track him down. Harold Larwood is a very good,

affably philosophical 85. "You must expect to lose something when you get to my age, and you're lucky if it's only your eye-sight." He is nowhere near blind, but he likes you at short leg. because he sees you better there than when you are straight in front of him. Ever since emigrating to Australia

in April 1950 at the instigation and under the supervision of Jack Fingleton, Larwood has kept a low profile. His accent is still pure Kirkbyin-Ashfield, though he has 12 Australian grandchildren and four Australian great-grandchildren, "all

scattered about".

Of his five daughters — there were no sons - one lives on the Queensland border, another two hours north of Sydney's Harbour Bridge, and another keeps a shop in Canberra.

He covered the MCC tour of 1950-51, accompanied by a ghost writer who cabled his invariably charitable observations to the Sunday Express in London, and the Melbourne Herald. Today, the talk turns at once to cricket, to a game which he considers a lot more dangerous than the "leg theory" of 1932-33, which gave him his reputation, albeit a misleading one, for being such a holy terror.

The term "bodyline" is frowned upon in the Larwood household. It was "leg theory", not dissimilar, Lar-wood will tell you, from the way Fred Root practised it. Root was, in fact, a medium-paced in-swinger, who, like Larwood, bowled to a battery of short legs. But Root's were there for the misjudged glance, Larwood's for the catch given by batsmen trying to defend their bodies.

Larwood, though, is unrepentant. "When I hear the commentators today saying: 'Oh, what a beautiful bouncer, it only just missed his head'. I wonder what the game has come to. I might sometimes have bowled at a batsman's ribs, but never at his head.

"The one that hit my old pal Bertie [Oldfield] at Adelaide came off his bat. Woodfull got hit over the heart. The ball didn't used to fly around the batsman's head, or over the top. Woodfull was fast-footed and tense: I could have hit him at any time I wanted, but I didn't, and I were still abused. Of the 33 wickets I took in 1932-33, 15 were bowled."

Yet all these years later, the battle plan is remembered. "I'd bowl two or three overs at the off stump. Then the shine was gone, and Bob's your uncle, the field would cross to the leg side.



As Englishman abroad: Larwood, once the scourge of Australian batss Mr Allen, the skipper [D.R.Jardine], Wally [Hammond], and Mr Wyatt at short-leg. The Don [Bradman] was such a murderous player. He tried everything against leg theory . . . I'll show you some pictures." And out comes an album with photographs of Bradman, making room to cut or moving outside the off stump to be in

a position to hook. Larwood still has his contract for the 1932-33 MCC tour. It was for £400, of which £15 could be claimed straightaway, and £100 was withheld, pending the manager's end-of-tour report. "It cost £100 to buy evening clothes for the ship, a cabin trunk, shirts, and all that. But we didn't mind. It was an honour going. A cricketer's benefit in them days was to save him from a pauper's grave . . . I

got £2,000 for mine. That was a nice lot of money in the 1930s, and there is no pinching and scraping today, any more than there is affluence. The walls are hung, and the mantlepiece lined, and the cabinets packed, with cricketing treasures, the

silver lovingly polished.
In pride of place is Jardine's parting present: "To Harold for the Ashes — From a grateful skipper, 1932-33." Larwood was fond of "the skipper", but it was his Nottinghamshire cap-

Fourth division

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RUGBY LEAGUE

STONES BITTER CHAMPIONSHIP-Wines v Wigan (2.45). ENFL NATIONAL LEAGUE: First division: (2.30): Pikingtors v Duday HE; Heworth v Lock Lane; Milliom v Wootson, Second division: Asiam v British Annagace, National League Cup: First round: May-field v Knottingley, Second round: Barrow Island v Wigan St Patricie.

BASKETBALL

COCA-COLA NATIONAL CUP: Men: Custier-finals: Buy v Bracknell (3.0); Derby v Solent (8.0); Kingston v Manchester (8.0); Sunderland v Stockport (8.0); Women: Custier-finals: Kingston v Sheffield (5.20); Northempton v Stockport

Shemes (2.04), result TROPHY: Second Memory Harmosteed y Westord (8.0):

round: Hemel Hempsteed v Watford (8.0); Plymouth v Swindon (7.30); Stevenage v Broton (8.0); Worthing v Crystal Palace

Rochdale v Torquay...... Scarborough v Colchester. Stockport v Aldershot......

tain, Arthur Carr, who, he thinks,

"made" him. There are six mounted cricket balls, including the one with which Larwood took five for 28 in the second innings of the first Test at Sydney in 1932-33, making 10 wickets in the match, and another given to him after he had taken the first seven wickets for MCC against Victoria at Melbourne in 1928-29, when Mr Chapman said: "Do you want the last three, Harold?", and Larwood replied: "No skipper, let someone else have them."

There is a picture of Larwood meeting a top-hatted King George V at Trent Bridge in 1928. "I met him twice that year, and each time he asked me the same question: 'How old

Yes, it has been a good life ever since a cable came one day in 1925, when Larwood was playing for Mansfield Colliery, asking him to be prepared to travel with the Nottinghamshire side. He had never before been outside the county. "I don't know how I bowled like I did. and when I told that to Sam Staples, he said: 'In that case, don't try and find out'.'

Larwood recalls being hit only three times for six; by Les Ames off the last ball before lunch at Canterbury; by

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at his home in Sydney recently Jack Ryder at Melbourne, "but that was a mishit over the wicketkeeper's

head"; and by a Queensland No. 11,

whose name he thinks was Gamble.

And as far as he can remember, he never bowled a wide. "The missus came from Mansfield, and if she 'didn't know cricket from football' when we met, she does now. She's not bad really, could be a lot worse," he says, as she brings a couple of cans of beer.

The old man has a good sense of fun and a contented way of life, lounging around in his socks. Even in 1950, it was hard to see, in this slight figure, the fire-brand of only 18 years before. Today, all passion spent, he wears his years uncommonly well.

The book beside his chair, The Fight For The Ashes, was given to him, affectionately inscribed, by its author, P. F. Warner, for his splendid bowling as the youngest member of the team in England's famous victory at The Oval in 1926.

Larwood still barracks for England, but he has no regrets that he made Australia his home. "By gee, I'd like to settle in Australia," he said to Fingleton in 1948, and settled here he certainly is.

John Woodcock

Wright steers his team towards a strong position

From Qamar Ahmed, Christchurch

Test match against India at spinner Hirwani.

An unbeaten 127 by their capaged 20, and the left-arm spintain, John Wright, enabled New ner, Venkstapathy Raju, who Zealand to make 255 for three were both making their first Test by the time play ended on the appearances. They were soon in first day of the first Rothmans the attack and so was the leg

Test match against lancaster Park yesterday.

Batting, for the first time in a Test, with a square-on stance and with his bat on the ground instead of in the air like a India dearly. No less than four instead of the first time in a Test, with a square-on stance and with his bat on the ground instead of in the air like a India dearly. No less than four instead of the first time in a time and transport of the first time in a time and transport of the first time in a time and transport of the first time in a time and transport of the first time in a time and transport of the first time in a time and transport of the first time in a time and transport of the first time in a time and transport of the first time in a time with a square-on stance and with his bat on the ground in the first time in a time and transport of the first time and transport of and vith his bat on the ground lapses in the field were to test instead of in the air like a baseball player. Wright played and missed early on, having won the toss and decided to bat. But he soon settled and all through the day batted with authority, striking 13 fours, to reach his eighth Test century off wasson towards square leg. His century had taken 298 minutes

With Jones he put on 105 for the second wicket, with Crowe 51 for the third wicket and with Greatbatch, an unbroken partnership of 73 for the fourth wicket.

As expected, Dipak Patel was left out of the 12 named by New Zealand. India included the medium pacer, Atul Wasson, S V Raju, N Hirwani, A Wasson.

Miniature camera offers new view

From John Woodcock, Sydney

very remote last night. By off stump, Richards said: "You nightfall four inches of rain had lose it." fallen on the Sydney Cricket Ground, which was not at all

looking for. proceedings when the match often over and over again.

It would, of course, remove much of the hassle from the embedded high up the right hander's off stump at each replays were used at all, at least end. "We feel it is important to unless, and until, the umpires themselves through a transogy such as this at sporting events," David Richards, chief executive of the Australian

Cricket Board, says. A similar gadget provided spectacular pictures during the last Australian motor racing grand prix in Adelaide and has been tried out successfully in a Sheffield Shield match in

It will give a batsman's view

Nancy, not the darling of the of the bowler and a bowler's Nancy, not the daring of the of the bowier and a bowier spavilion at Lord's but a tropical view of the batsman's stroke. cyclone, brought so much rain to most of Australia's eastern To see the ball coming straight seaboard yesterday that the chances of there being any play unnerving. Asked what happens in the third Test match, which is to the expensive electronics due to start here today, seemed when a bowler knocks down the very remote last night. By off expensive Richards said. You

Mercifully for the umpires, what the curator had been used, for the moment at least, when decisions are being scruti-To give us a new view of nized and incidents replayed,

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themselves, through a repre-sentative in front of a television set, can also call for a photo. There has never been an

remotely infallible when faced with the examination to which modern umpires are subjected. To all intents and purposes it is trial by television and it may not be long before this latest piece of technological wizardry is being used to make their lives more

Chariton v Arsenal Liverpočí v Everton. QPR v A VI Sheffield W v Millwall

B and Q Scottish League

Aberdeen v Hearts. First division

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Second division Berwick v Arbroath Cowdenbeath v E Stirling . Dumbarton v Kilmarnock ...

PONTINS CENTRAL LEAGUE: Everton v Manchester Utd (2.0). OVENDEN PAPERS COMBERATION: Li-ton v Wimbledon (2.0); West Ham v Wimbledon (2.0).

reme v Lanea.
SOUTH EAST COUNTIES LEAGUE: First division: Arsenel v Gillinghem; Cembridge v Millinghem; Cembridge v Millingh; Chelsee v Jowich; Cusen's Park Rangers v Portsmouth; Southend v West Ham; Watford v Tottenhem. Second division: Aldershot v Oxford; Brentford v Brighton: Luton v Bristol Rovers; Reading v Northempton; Swindon v Colchester; Tottenhem v Scuthenoton; Wathleford.

Tottenham v Norwich (3,30).

Newcastle v Sunderland (12.0)... FA TROPPIY: Second mund: Bath v Tow Lew (20).

HUGBY LEAGUE
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BASKETBALL

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ARTHURIAN LEAGUE: Arthur Data Cup: Cld Reptonians v Old Etonians. Premier division: Old Berntwoods v Old Salopians; Old Melvernians v Old Fonesters. First division: Old Addernantens v Landing Old Boys: Old Artificians v Old Helloyburians; Old Bradfeldans v Old Westminsters; Old Wykehamists v Old Westminsters; Old Wykehamists v Old Westminsters;

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Third division

FA TROPHY: Second round: Berrow v Metropolitan Police; Cheftechem v Enfield; Coine Dynamoss v Northwich; Derfingtor v Mecclesfeld; Dover v Weymouth; Farmborough v Windsor and Eton; Harrow v Redoridge F; Kingasorian v Hyde; Leek v Nureston; Tefforo v Weiling; Witton v Kidderninster; Wivenhoe v Runcor; Wokinoham v Stefford B; Yeouth Runcom: Wokingham v Stat v Aylesbury: Postponed Sesham RS. lord R; Yeov

VAURHALL LEAGUE: First divisions Chestern v Hampton: Croydon v Harlow; Hischin v Winyteleafs; Kingsbury v Boreham Wood; Leves v Wembley; Purfleet v Southwick: Tooting and Mitchem v Chelfont St Peter; Walson and Hershem v Dordring; Worthing v Uzbridge, Second division cortis: Aveley v Raintam; Berfrhamsted v Collier Row; Billerkay v Clauton: Heybridge v Homphurch: Berthamsted v Collier Row: Billertcay v Clapton; Heybridge v Hornerburch; Lectreorth GC v Basildor; Royston v Hertford; Saffron Watten v Wars; Stevenage v Tibury; Tring v Barton; Vaushall Motors v Finctiey; Wirsam v Hornel Herspetead, Second division south: Bracknell v Abingdon; Camberley v Motorsy; Easthourne United V Yeading; Egham v Matten Vale; Epacm and Ewel v Chernaey; Plactwell Heath v Mattenham V United Horsham v Hangerford; Newbury v Bansstead; Rulally, Manor v Petersfield.

SKOL MORTHERN LEAGUE: Pirst di-vision: Billingham Syndhonia v Brandon; Bylin Spartars v Essington (3.15); Consett v Whitby, Ferryhii v Durtham; Greene v Billingham Town; Guisborough v Whickinam; Newcastle Blue Sar v Alswick; South Bank v Spennymoor;

NORTHERM COUNTIES EAST LEAGUE-Premier division: Belper v Harrogate RW; Bridlington Town v Pontsinact Cole; Brigg v Thacdey, Garastinarpe MW v Arrathorpe Weltare (2.30); Guseley v North Fertiby, Ossett Ablom v Bridlington Trisity; Shefield v North Shields (2.30); Sugan v Leatern

GREAT MILLS LEAGUE: Premier di-vision: Barnstople v Chippenham; Cavedon v Empusir, Frome v Chard; Mangossfield v Bidetord; Radstock v Liskeard; Swarings and H v Weston-super-Mare; Taurion v Dewlish; Therton v Bristol M Farn; Torrington v Paulton; Waton v Sattash.

ICE HOCKEY HEMERIEN LEAGUE: Premier division:
Ayr v Nottingham (7.0); File v Durham
(7.15); Solikuli v Murrayliekt (6.30); First
divisions: Stough v Teitord (5.45); Swindon
v Cloveland (5.0);
AUTURN TROMYV: Final: Second leg-Bracknell v Humberside (6.0);
ENGLISH LEAGUE: First division:
Besingstole v Chelmaford (6.0); Sunder-land v Oxford City (5.30). LACROSSE

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ROYAL BANK SCOTTISH LEAGUE: First division: Meer: Team Novasport DV v Team File; Felkirk v Ellioti Sports Jets; Balthill Cardinate v Kiniştin Plant; Su Ragazzi v Team Kryasal Mear; Airdrie v East Kibride II. Women: Grangebum Coeches v Adscreen Kyle; Falkirk v Bloot Sports Jets; Deloitie Haziehegd v Whitburn Cartra; Glasgow Bannermen v Hydrasun Tulios; Airdrie v Provincial Internacia. HANDRALL

BRITISH CUP: Men: First round: Strath-clyde University v Kirkby Select (2.0). OTHER SPORT

Contest delay

stop training because of a bad SMOCKER: Benson and Hedges Masters

RUGBY UNION Five nations'

ireland v Scotland (at Lanedowne

Aberavon v Newbridge (2.30) ewport v Pontypridd (2.30). Club matches

Swansea v Abertillery ... Tredegar v Berry Hill

mans; Oxoro Cao Boys V Cic Phoents v Oxford Marathon; Bernet; Reading v Essäeigh; rfield v Old Milhillans; Rousey mpton; Rometh Menor v Cid ins; Royston v Braintree; Rus-sor; St Albens v Sarsons Stoweh v Old Albestanic Snowdown v Bēdtethanger: Staines v Old Haberdashers; Stockwood Pk v OMT; Sudbury v Chestunit Thurrock v Gravesend; Tonbridge v Werlingtsem; UCS Old Boys v Wernbley; Vauchalt v Detchworth; Vlgo v Cartarbury; Wegdont v Old Cottonians; Westoombe Pk v Old Eman-North: Acklam v Scarborough; Adwick v

West Aller v Crewkerne; Aretiens v Dings Crusaders; Ashley Down v Broad Plain; BAC v Avannoutis; Barmstaple v Penentr; Bernstaple Adv v Buds; Bath CS v Backwelt Bridgweter Utd v Winscombe; Brissot Bridgweter Utd v Winscombe; Brissot Bridgweter Utd; Brissot Und v Gloucaster Utd; Brissot Harlesians; Clitique Wands v Old Petesians; Davon and Cornwall Police v Okethampton; Falmouth v Camborne; Froste v Southampton; Heyle v Redrutt; Heisston v Prymouth CS; Horition v Saltiset; Kingswood v Old Bizzabethans; Laurcession v Trunc; Utdeaerd-Loov v Blogen; Park; Morganians v Minenead; Newquay Hornets v Palgnton; North Petherston v Taunton Utd; Old Cottembars v St Brandan's Old Boys; Permaporth v Bodnin St Lawrence; Piymouth Arguun v Bodnins; Rawrence St twes v Percance and Newtyn; SW Ges v Chew Valley; Taunton v Stoutbridge; Thornbury Vhorth Bristo; Wells v Cullempton; Welster Librageritus v Branders; Whitehall v Imperfat; Wooton Bassett v Okrifield. v Marknesser Pate Servicin, resymm - Calder Valer, Balton v North Ribblesduler, Barnatey v Yarnbury; Barton v Withernsee; Beverley v Thornensients; Birkenheed Park v Derby; Bishop Auckland v Saston Caree; Bolsover v Sheffield Tigers; Braclord Salem v Sheffield Tigers; Braclord Salem v Sheffield Tigers; Braclord Salem x V Kneresborough; Brdfington v Waltby; Broughton Perk v Walterisch Bury v Camforth; Caldy w Widnes; Castleford v York; Cleckheeton v Bidley; Cleethorpes v Huil sand ER XV; Colne and Nelson v Old Filetheorinisms; Congleton v Heason Moor; Davenport v Lymm; De la Salle (Saltord) v Old Aldwinisms; Didsbury Toc H v Blackpoot; Dinnington v Heason Moor; Haltisx Venetie; Grimsby v Southwelt; Haltisx RELAND: Senior club: Dublin University v

Collegians; Lanedowne v Old Creacent; Old Wesley v Edinburgh Azademicals; St Mary's College v Shamon; Constitution v Instonians; Waterpark v City of Derry.

Reid; Stratiord on Awon v Evesham; Systion v Hinoidey; Tanworth v Weetingh; Taunton v Stourbridge; Trimblemill v Barnhigham City Officials; Tyklestey v Trantham; Upton-upon Severn v Tambury; Unixater v Budon; Walsall v Askeans; Wednesbury v Kynoch; Wild Police v Wheeton Aston v Witton; Wigston v Luton; Willianhall v Alarket Drayton; Wolver-hearpton v Bridgwester.

HOCKEY NATIONWIDE ANGLIA CUP: FIRE I NORWICH UNION EAST LEAGUE PROhoppers: Bishop's Stortford v Chelmstord; Blueharts v Ford; Bury St Edmands v Harleston Maggles; Cam-bridge Norsads v Pelicans; toswich v Bedfordshire Eagles; Westchiff v Crostyx; West Harts v Colchester. PERONI SOUTH LEAGUE: Premier di-vision: Camberley v Farcham; Chichester

Hiswiss v Trojans; Sevenosks v Bognor; Winchester v Old Tsuntoniers. Regionals: Hampeine-Burrey; Bournetrouth and WH v Southempton University; Epeom v Besingstoke; Goen v Bernes; Hamble Old Boys v Old Walcountiens; Merton v Walson; Nat West Bank v Mer Police; Edwardiars v Weymouth; Wolding v Fleet. Kent-Sonsee: Folkeetone Opt v Old Bordeniars; Horsham v Lloyde Berlic, Old Boccehamilans v Mid-Sussex; Old Holcombelans v Rochester and Geling-ham; Old Williamsonians v Lawes; Thames Poly v Brighton and Hove; Torbridge v Herne Bay, Worthing v Burrit Ash, Midda, Berlia, Bucks and Osone Amersham v Hendon; Bracknell v Gerrards Cross; City of Oxford v British Always; Hayes v Aylesbury; Merlow v Windson; Ohit v Stainers; Sunbury v NPL; Winney v Southgate Adelaide.
CLUB MATCHES: Birmingham Municipal

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v Blorwich; GEC Covertry v Otion;

hampton O-35 v Sutton Coldteld; Kettaring v Leicaster Thursday; Leek v West

Derby; North Stafford v Crawe Vagrants;

Old Wutturlians v Magpies; Pickwick v

Old Siniffans; West Bridgiond vets v

Loughborough Town.

ERNST AND VOMMO LEAGUE. ERINST AND YOUNG LEAGUE: Premier division: Beiper v Leicaster Westleigh; Derby v Berford Tigers; Kidderminster v Otton and W Warwick; South Nottinghem

SPORT ON TV

Today BASKETBALL: Screensport 9.30-11pm: College match: Virginia v NC State. BOXXRG: Eurosport 9-11pm: Screensport 11pm: Professional event from the United

COMMONWEALTH GAMES: 8BC1 10.30-COMMONWEALTH GAMES: SRC110.3011.30pm (and Grandstand): Eurosport
11pm-1am: Highlights of the teach day,
and closing curewhery.
FOOTBALL: Eurosport 7-Spm: Spanish
League: Screensport 12-1.45pm and
4.15-Spm: Spanish League: Valencia v
Real Madrid and Barcelona v Ovledo.
FORD SKI REPORT: Eurosport 3-10am.
GRANDSTAND: 12.15-5.05pm: Riggly
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Chepsiow.
ICE NOCKEY: Screensport 10am-midday
and 7.30-9.30pm: National Hockey
League, and Soviet tour of the United
States.
ICE SKATING: Eurosport 12-Spm, TIV

ICE STATING: Eurosport 12-3pm, TTV 3.05-4.45pm and 88C1 11.30pm-mo-night: Figure stating: Live coverage of European champlonships from European Championships Trom Lumingrad, MOSR, MOTOR SPORT NEWS: Europort 830-7pm. MOTOR CYCLING: Screensport 1.45-4.15pm: Highlights of indeer Supercross from Switzerfard, and less Speedway. Highlights and less Speedway. POWERSPORTS INTERNATIONAL: POWERSPORTS INTERNATIONAL: Screensport 6.30-7.30pm: 12.55, 1.30, 2.05, 2.35 and 3.05 from Sendown Park, RESULTS SERVICE: ITV 4.45-5pm. SAINT AND GREAVSR: ITV 1.10-1.40pm. SKING: Screensport 6-6.30pm: High-lights of the United States pro-tour from Telluride.

Schen C. Eurosport 6-6-30pm: Surfer majorite. Temport 6-6-30pm: Surfer majorite. Screensport 8-45-10em: Highegins of the 1990 Winter tour. TRANS WORLD SPORT: Eurosport 3-4pm: Sport from around the world. LIPOATE: Screensport 6 from Apin: Sport from Bround the world.

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White SPORTE: Eurosport 10am-midday and 4-form: World Cup: Live coverage
of the Wowen's Downest from Brigola,
Switzerland, and regreging of the World
Bobsiship Championships:

event from St Morriz.

Tomorrow

1.45-3.15pm and 8-9.30pm: College match: Varginia v NC State, and American match: vrgmax viet output Lasgue.
BOBSLEIGH: Eurosport 12-tom: World championship: Highlights of two-man event from St Montz.

9 31-11 per Too The Horse Show', FOOTBALL: ITV3.25-5.35pm; The Match: Live coverage of Tothenham v Horsech from White Hart Lanc Eurospest 7-Spm; Spanish League: Real Madrid v Mailorca: Screensport. 12.20-2.15sm, 4.15-8am, 12.20-2.15sm, 4.15-8am, 12.20-2.15sm, 4.15-8am, 12.145pm and 4.15-8pm; Football from Arganista, and Spanish League: Real Madrid v Castelion, Valencia v Barcelona and Valencia v Real Madrid, ICE Moccomit. Madrid, ICE HOCKEY: Screensport 6-8pm and 11pm-1am: Highlights of the Soviet tour of the United States, and Heliconal Hockey Legges.
ICE SKATBNG: Estrosport 9-11pm: Figure skating: Highlights of the Estropean championnings from Leningrad.
NOTOR CYCLING: Screensport 6-7am and 10-11.30amt Les Speedway: Highlights of the 1980 World quarter-tirels from Finland, and Indicard states of the 1980 World quarter-tirels from Finland. from Finland, and Indeer Supercross from Switzerland.

MOTOR SPORT: Eurosport 11pm-midnight: Highlights of the 1988 Formule One
and Metor-cycling Circuits.
POWERSPORTS INTERNATIONAL:
Screensport 3.15-4.15pm.
RURSY UNGON: Eurosport 1-4pm and
BBC2 5-6pm: Five residens' champlonshiz: Highlights of Scodand v Ireland
from Murrayfield, and France v Ireland
from Paris.

SIGENA: Eurosport Sem-cildent and 12. From Paris.

SKIING: Eurosport Sum-midday and 12Jam (Monday): World Cape Live coverage
and hurther highlights of Wosser's and
Mear's glass station from Brigais, Switzerland, and Magava, France: Screenport
2.15-2.45am and 11.30am-midday: Highlights of the United States pro-teer from
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TEMPER BOWLING: Screensport 7-8.15am: Highlights of the 1990 Winter Sour.

SNOOKER: BBC1 3-5.05pm and 11.20pm12-40pm: Coverage of the Benson and
Hedges Masters from the Wembery
Conference Centre.

UPDATE: Screausport 6.0pm.

Whites sports: Eurosport 4-6pm:
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Women's Doernhill from Brigets.

Switzerland.

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Cambridgeshire v Bedlordshire
(Coldisms Comsion): Esset v Lincoh-shire (Chelmaford): Nortok v Suffolk (Deretern). Midlands: Shropshire v Not-tragismeltire (Lieuteth). 30; Worester-shire v Laicestershire (Redditch); Derbystire v Staffordshire (Derby, 230; Warwickshire v Northemptonshire (Sci-Dertysteke v Staffordshire (Derty, 230); Warnácishire v Northemptonshire (Schud), South: Middleess v Oxfordshire (Paddington, 12.0); Bartshire v Karti (Haeding, 12.30); Surrey v Sussex (Ott Welcountiers, 2.45). West (Bristol University ground): Someraet v Wittshire (9.0); Dorset v Commell (18.30); Herelord v Gloucestershire (12.0); Commell v Someraet (1.30); Witshire v Herelord (3.0); Gloucestershire (7.0); Vittshire v Herelord (3.0); Gloucestershire v Dorset (4.30).

RUGEY UNION

LEICESTERSHIRE CUP: Seed-finet Vi-pers v Westeigh (Coslville, 2.0). REPRESENTATIVE MATCH: Combined Services under-21 v Eastern Counties and Kent under-21 (USC Chatham, 2.30). TENNIS

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COUNTY CHARPIONSHIP Cambridgeshire v Bedfordshire: Essex v Lincohshire: Nortolk v Suffolk; Shropshire v
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Yorkshire; Bensshire v Kent: Surrey v
Sussex; Somerset v Wittshire v
Oxfordshire; Bensshire v Glouossershire; Contwell v Somerset: Witshire v
Herefordshire; Gloucestershire v Dorset.
VALIDUALL. RICOOR CLIB TROPHY;
Area 18; Upper Armiey Laede v South
Snore Blackpoot; Bray v Purta Wigst;
Plinging Glass Birthwood v Metchpoint
Bramfiel, Area 2A: Watchom Withfrein
Affreton v SKF Helbanshire Sheffield;
Sutton Hardcourts v Coventry Racquet

Centre. Area 28: Esting v London Indoor; Riveralde Recousteers Chiswick v Devid Loyd Sazzinger Heaton. Area 3A: Beschwood St Abins v Clearwise Bristianout: Herpendern Stags v Middleset Polyschnic. Area 4A: David Lloyd Sizzanger Raynes Park v Record Centre Middeltont; Record Centre Graveseed v Roehampton. Area 48: Europa Southampton v Pack-A-Punchers Kingsley. Alverables Gosport v Team Excel ICE HOCKEY HEMEREN LEAGUE Practier division: Ayr v Whitley (Gissgow, 4.30); Durham v Solfhull (6.30); Murrayfeld v Nothopham (6.30); Peterborusph v Gerdiff (6.30), First division: Lee Visiny v Clerkinan (6.30); Streighem v Medwey (6.16); Trafford v Swenton (5.30)

SNGLISH LEAGUE: First division: Chalmsford v Bracknell (6.30); Oxford City v Rostlord (6.0); Sheffield Sabres v Sunderland (5.45). HANDBALL BRITISH LEACHE: Mar: Strathclyde University v Kiriday Select (2.0); Liverpool v Manchester United SSS (5.0). MORTH ZONE TOURNAMENT: riskwood SOUTH AND HEDLANDS TOURISAMENT:

OTHER SPORT BADMENTON: Weish national chempion-shops (Cardiff): Clydiastate Bank under-19 and under-16 Scottan national champion-shops (Edinburgh: hate-county champ-ionship: Second dylation A: Lanceshire II v FENCING: Lison Play Cup (De Beaumont Gentre, London).

BAUMENTOK: Weish restoned champion-ships (Cardis): Cylededise Bank under-19 and under-16 Scotlish resional champion-ships (Edinburgh). BOWLS: Anglie Secure Homes club championship: Causter-famis: City of By. v North Weisham (Mid-Suffolk, Stor-mariset, 10.30): Newcasde v Spalding (Hull, 12.0): Westleoot v Torbay (Bristol, 10.0): Darticrd Stone Lodge v Victory (Egistra, 10.0). NCING: Leon Paul Cup (De Beaumont ntre. London). METBALL: Scottend v England, Seniors and under-21 (Glasgow). MOOKER: Benson and Hedges Masters

Atlantic City (AFP) - The World Boxing Council (WBC) light-heavyweight contest be-tween the Australian title holder, Jeff Harding, and Nestor Giovannini, of Argentina, scheduled here for February 25. sheduled here for February 25, as been postponed until March 18. The champion has had to

France v England (at Parc des

Road, 2.45)... Schweppes Weish Cup Fifth round

Blackheath v Exeter (2.30)... Bridgend v Llanelli (2.30)... Durham v Selidrik (2.15)... Fylde v Middlesbrough (2.30). Harlequins v L Welsh.... Jed Forest v Boroughmuir (12.0)..... Northampton v Laicester...... Nottingham v Liverpool St H . Orrell v L Scottish

mouth v Bridgwater (2.45) ... Instan G v Wilmslow Richmond v Moseley (2.30) ... Roundhay v Hull fonlans

Vale of Lune v Headingly (1.0).... Walseli v Askeans (2.30)..... Waterloo v Coventry (2.45)..... W Hartepool v Gosforth (2.30)... LONDON AND SOUTH EAST: BL

CONDON AND SOUTH EAST: Bisley Office Equipment Southern Merit Table; Newbury v Besingssoke, Tandem Seven Counties Niert Table; Niery's Hospital v Streethern and Croydon; Woodford v Havent, AUT CLOB Ment Table; KCS Old Boys v Old Tiffnien; Old Bevonians v Old Pelhamiens: Old Dunstonian v Old Pelhamiens: Old Dunstonian v Old Pelhamien; Old Guidfordians v Old Judden, Fullers Bravery Middlesex Ment; Table; Harrow v Chri Sarvica; Hendon v Barclays Barric, Kan Redding Trophy; Old Athmoleans v Old Etzabethens, Bernet, Becklingfusmebline Cup: Semi-Snet; Slough v Aylesbury. leckinghamebire Cup: Sessi-Sinel: lough v Aylesbury, Farwickesbire Cup: Sessi-Sinel: Old earningtoriums v Keresley (Barkera utts, 215pm). Inucestershire Cup: Cinderland v Gor-

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Gloucestarshire Cap: Cindertord v Gordon League Courter-fleate: Cemborns v Fatmouth; Rednuth v Pennyn, Cornseall Plate: Quarter-fleate: St Just v Stiftlers.
CLUB MATCHER: Socialized: Aberdeen GSFP v Gordoniens: Ayr v London Socialer: Broughton FP v Rosyth and District, Dunthins v Arnan; Duntermiline v Portabello FP; East Kilbride v Hillicotte, Glasythe Edinburgh University; Glasgow High-Kelvinside v Currio; Grangermouth v Kintosaldy, Grasenock Wanderers v Hatchesons; Haddington v Melross; Letth Academicals v Freston Lodge FP; Perminer v Harris Academy FP v Stotswell FP; Perminer v Harris Academy FP v Peebles v Earlston, Royal High v Trinity Academicals: St Boewells v Prentositic St Boewells v Prentosit. Stewart's Melville FP v Glasgow Academicals.
South: Antilers v Old Actoniens; Banbury v Towostrians; Beckenhem v Bromley; Bishop's Stortlord v Upper Capton; Brentwood v Park House; Cambridge v Beconers; Chizens v BEC Old Boya: Cothern v Old Meadoniens; Cranleigh v Horsham; Crinchester v US Buccaners; Criscens v BEC Old Boya: Cothern v Old Meadoniens; Cranleigh v Horsham; Crinchester v US Buccaners; Criscens v BEC Old Boya: Cothern v Old Meadoniens; Cranleigh v Horsham; Crinchester v Usberoham; Glingham Arach v Lincon; Grasenbary v Bracknell; Guildiord and Godstming v Sutton and Epsorn; Guys-Horspital v Old Wimbledoniens; Harngey v Sevenage; Harrow v Chill Service; Hurnal Hengeland v Becconfelict; Eigh Wyc-

Stevenage: Harrow v Chil Service; Herney v Stevenage: Harrow v Chil Service; Herney v Stevenage: Harrow v Chil Service; Herne Hempetaed v Beconsfield; High Wycoriba v Radingerstams; Hisrahn v Chinos; Hantington v Carabarigians; Hisrahn v Chinos; Hord Vandersrs v Woodbridge; Esewich v West orfolit; Latertworth v Tabard; Haldensed v Southerd; Haldstone v Hantey; India v Carabarisy; Mediente v Manney; I Hill v London; Mai Hai v London New Zealand; Milton Kaynee v Harpendert; Milton V Lansburg; Norwich North Walshem; Old Abbotstonians v Sough; Old Brentwoods v Maidor; Old Brookleiens v Entit; Old Cranleighlens v Net West Bent; Old Edwardsens v Bancott; Old Bithamians v Thanet Wands; Old Epupmians v Betterses; Old Freemans v Middend Bent; Old Halfeyburfans v Old Reedonians; Old Ingestone v Old Reedonians; Old Indentifications v Old Reedonians; Old Reedonians v Old Reedonians; Old Reedonians v Old Reedonians; Old Personal V Old Reedonians v Old

Adventants, Duscasser v Bramley, Grimsby v Southwelt, Halitax Vandale v Leads CSSA: Harrogate v Shaffleidt Heath v East Redordt, Huddersfield v Chester, Hull and ER v West Leads; Hull konsens XV v Phoenix Parit; Kersal v Sedgley Parit; Kirbly Lonsdale v Northaleiror; Knottingley v Goole; Leads Corinthleris v De la Selle (Sheffleidt; Leads YMCA v Wibsey, Leigh v Southport; Leodlenslans v Roumdhegians; Liverpool St Helene Wanderers v Hightown; Kendel v Langholm; Leodlenslans v Rendel v Ashton on Nersey; Liverpool St Helene Wanderers v Hightown; Kendel v Langholm; Manchester v Aspatrie; Marchester V Aspatrie; Marchester v Hightown; Kendel v Langholm; Manchester v Aspatrie; Marchester v Hightown; Kendel v Langholm; Marchester v Medicy v Hightow; Mortown XV v Burley; Newsork v Vhoenby Hills Off Boys; New Brighton v Rufnin; New Brighton XV v Wallasey; Northern v Bradtord and Bingley; Novocastrians v Durham University; Old Bedlams v Durham University; Old Sedlams v Durham University; Old Crossleyane v Did Hymerians; Old Grantees v Crowe and Nantwert; Old Hymerians Honers v Crowe and Nantwert; Old Hymerians Hymer v Hallon; South Modernians v Hudlersteid (MCA; Old Hymerians Hymers y Poddington v Stocknor; Port Sunlight v Hallon; Rochdeile v Burnage; Rodlington v Wetterby; Rossendele v Ripon; Rotherham v Keighey; Sefton v Wirrat; Sheffleid University v Trent Polyschnic; South Liverpool v Helaby; Stocksbridge v Basiewell Mammeriens; Tynediale v Whetterby; Rossendele v Ripon; Rotherham v Stefford; Burmingham Cwil Bedford Wanderers w Bacarrians; Arlestone Atheister v Wetterby; Stocksbridge v Basiewell Memmeriens; Poddington v Stocknorn v Long Eater, Atheistone v Helaby; Stocksbridge v Basiewell Memmeriens; Probleme v Wetterby; Bedford Wanderers v Bacarrians; Arlestone Atheister v Memoriens; Drohwich v Werter, Bedford Wanderers v Bacarrians; Anderson v Old Prominers v Long Burbory; Old Longtonists v Helaby; Burborius v Helaby; Stocksbridge v Burbory; Old Longtonists v Aston Old Romeries v Long Burbory; Old Morthernight of Lo

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MASKETBALL SCHOOL

YACHTING: ITY 12.06-12.35em: High-legies of the Whithreed Round the World

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with rear leg throws for yuko.
Sharon Rendle, the world
featherweight champion, began
cautiously, in her defeat of Lynn
Poirier, of Canada, on a knock

down, but moved into top gear throwing and holding down Lisa Griffiths, of Wales. In the final she threw Claire Shiach, of Scotland, with an opportunist

leg grab.

One of the most significant victories was that of Loretta Cusack — better known by her maiden name of Doyle — in the lightweight. "I came to Auckleyd to win the gold and

and to win the gold and anything else would have been a disappointment," she said.

Her confidence was merited. After secure early rounds, she faced the favourite, Suzanne Williams of Australia in the

Williams, of Australia, in the finals and won in no uncertain

manner—with a strangle. "I felt that as I was 26 and Suzanne was 33 and had come out of retirement for the Games, if I couldn't beat her I should retire

myself," Doyle said.
There was a measure of

poignance earlier in the com-petition when Williams beat

Ann Hughes, of English, the world silver medallist, who had announced this was to be her last competition. Hughes had hoped to end with a gold medal

but made one mistake and was

countered by Williams.

Moira Sutton, of Wales, won
the second lightweight bronze.

Mark Adshead won his

bronze medal in memorable

style, throwing Elias Ioannou, of

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taken off stage

Sebastian Coe's farewell came not in front of 35,000 spectators and a large television andience in the Commonwealth Games 1500 metres final but on the spartan Mount Smart No. 2 track, from which the public is prohibited.

The grass-banked warm-up track, adjacent to the main n, is where athletes perform their pre-event ritmais. It was here that Coe was forced to accept that his competitive days would end without a fanfare. A viral infection which are the control of the contro infection, which reduced him to sixth place in the 800 metres on Thursday, was, he had to admit, too debilitating for him to stand a chance of

honours in the longer distance.
Coe, aged 33 and twice the
Otympic 1,500 metres champion, said: "Palling out
difficult to stomach as I have committed myself to nothing else but this since October. It's a hard decision and if it had been a training race I would not have considered running at all. But this is a major championship and that is the

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only thing I rate in athletics."
The Commonwealth Games record books will now have to do without him. This is the second Games in succession from which he has had to withdraw with, among other symptoms, a sere throat. In his first Commonwealth Games, in 1986, he qualified for the 800 metres final but was too unwell to appear.

Although nothing was said at the time, he looked un-comfortable in qualifying for the 800 metres final on this occasion. "It must have seemed obvious to anybody seemed obvious to anybody watching the semi-final that if a couple of people had not faded in the final straight I would not have qualified," Coe said. "I started feeling like this on Saturday and I have been going downhill ever since"

In 1982, when favourite to win the European 800 metres championship, he finished second and was later diagnosed to have been suffering from glandular fever. A year later, he withdrew from the world championships, a victim of glandular toxoplasmosis. "There is no reason to believe that these problems are con-

nected to the problems I had in 1982 and 1983," he said. John Jeffery, the England team manager, claimed to have withdrawn Coe before the athlete had made up his own

Coe, so too must there be for Peter Elliott, Elliott had been voicing his regret for some time that he had never raced Coe when both men were on their game. Now he never will. "I am sad that his career has ended on a low note in the and Tobago were judged to have changed batons outside their 800 metres," Elliott said. "It's a sad day for 1500 metres running, but I think he made the right decision. It was not the Seb Coe we knew and we would not have wanted to see

McColgan's status enhanced

From David Powell
Athletics Correspondent

Jili Hunter sat there, head bowed, listening to the voice of experience. "I really feel I am the best 10,000 metres runner in the world," Liz McColgan said. If Hunter needed convincing that her McColgan, almost certainly, future was at 25 laps, that was and Hunter, possibly, would

race at the distance, Hunter won the silver medal behind pace. The first 800 metres McColgan in the Common took 2:56, the first 1,600 wealth Games yesterday. She metres 5:34. Like Liverpool would not have been in the against Crystal Palace, all the race had she not been injured in June and July. With insufficient time to get fit for the trial at her usual distance, the 3,000 metres, she tried her metamorphosis since the sum-luck at the 10,000 metres mer. She had wanted to retire. because the trial was three weeks later.

Two-thirds of the way into her second 10,000 metres, Hunter mounted her attack to break McColgan, unchallenged as Britain's finest woman distance runner since she took the Commonwealth championship in Edinburgh four years ago. But, with four laps remaining, McColgan was back on Hunter's shoulder and drew away, covering the final 800 metres in 2min 19sec to win in 32:23.56.

While Hunter, aged 23, said she was convinced that once she gained more experience at the event, she could run faster, McColgan reaffirmed her commitment to pursuing a sequence of 10,000 metres titles at Commonwealth, European, world and Olympic level. The encouraging aspect of her performance here was that this inveterate front runner won from behind.

"The whole race was planned that in no circumstances was I going to take the lead," McColgan said, reminding us that she is still only 25 years old. "As you could see, tonight I had a sprint finish. I decided before I came to New Zealand that that was the way I was going to run it. I am confident I can take anyone from the final

One of McColgan's ambitions is to be the first woman silver medal winner, in the to run under 30 minutes pole vault, Simon Arkell, of (Ingrid Kristiansen's world Australia, cleared 5.35 metres record is 30:13.74). to win and Tullett 5.25.



have been under 32 minutes In only her second track had not all 15 participants been rejuctant to take the early 5,000 metres in 16:39, second 5,000 metres in 15:44.

McColgan has undergone a "I didn't have any competitiveness any more and I wasn't enjoying what I was doing," she said. But she took a holiday instead. "It was the best decision my coach and I have made.

Kay Morley is a teacher of mathematics but is a willing pupil as well. She took good advice from, among others, Colin Jackson, the men's high hurdles champion, to win the women's equivalent yesterday and secure a double for Wales. Morley's morale went down with the hardles which she hit in the semi-finals when, after stumbling at the fifth, she almost ran into the sixth: only by regaining her balance at a crucial moment did she qualify as the fastest loser. Yesterday she went from

slowest qualifier to fastest finalist, improving her best time from 13.11 to 12.91. She said she had been "dev-astated" by what had hap-pened in the semi-finals. But she is coached in a group with Malcolm Arnold, a group which includes Jackson. "One of the good things about the group is that they all support each other and they were brilliant with her," Arnold

Morley's victory denied Sally Gunnell a golden double following her win in the 400 metres hurdles. Ian Tullett, adding five centimetres to his best, was another England



Mine again: Liz McColgan raises her arms in triumph as she retains the 10,000 metres title

Black day for the champion Langford effort brings

Roger Black had his long-awaited international champ-ionship comeback ruined yesterday when England were After three years away from foot injuries, Black had shown a promising 45.56 individual run ionship comeback ruined yesterday when England were disqualified from the Commonwealth Games 4 x 400 metres relay for a takeover infringement. Black had chosen not to defend his individual 400m title westerring instead to ease toot injuncts, planta and promising 45.56 individual run at a warm-up meeting here just over a week ago. This was to have been his chance to get back into the theatre of top competition.

"The athletes are very upset,"

the relay.

But, as comebacks go, this was about the easiest of all. Black, on the anchor leg in his team's heat, ran at cruising pace to finish second and, he thought, secure a place in the final. But England, Australia and Trinidad takeover zones.

All three countries lodged protests which were rejected by the jury of appeal, leaving Black, the European champion, unable to show what he could do in a

almost certain to be his last in the amateur ranks; in the absence of a contract with a continental team, he is understood to be joining a British sponsor on his return home.

The entry of 49 includes many inexperienced riders who can-

If there are sympathies for his way back gently with only John Jeffery, the England team manager, said. "They were of the opinion they would win gold. The markings on the track were not clear and, though they sought the advice of officials, they did not receive any. Roger

is particularly upset."
Only New Zealand and Pakistan therefore qualify for heat two; the five countries from heat one suffered no such confusion, with Kenya. Jamaica, Canada, Scotland and the Seychelles all progressing to the final. • AUCKLAND: Andrew Lloyd, an Australian outsider, received his gold medal yes-

4 x 100 metres relay

First four in each heat and overall factors (usally for final)
HEAT CINE 1, Nigerie, 39.21sec; 2, Jarraica, 39.2; 3, Carraica, 39.4; 4, New Zeeland, 40.52; 5, Papus New Guines, 41.6; 6, Bangladeek, 42.47.
HEAT TWO: 1, England 39.35; 2, Australia, 39.81; 3, Scotland, 40.21; 4, The Gembla, 41.57; Ghena, disq.

Heets
(First four in each heat and overall fastest lasers quality for final)
HEAT ONE: 1, Kenya, Smin 03.55sec; 2, Jarrasica, 305.29; 3, Canada, 3.06.99; 4, Scotland, 3:10.89; 5, Seychelas, 3:18.57.
HEAT TWO: 1, New Zeeland, 3:08.18; 2, Pakistan, 3:12.56; Australia, England and Trinidad and Tobago, disq.

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1, S Arkel (Aus), 5.35m; 2, I Tullett (Eng),
5.25; 3, S Postman (AZ), 5.20; 4, N Honey
(Aus), 5.20; 5, P Just (Can), 5.10; 6, A
Steinhendt (Aus), 5.10; 7, P Gibbons (AZ),
5.10; 7, R Ferguson (Can), 5.10; 9, D Wood
(Can), 5.00; 10, M Belsham (Eng), 5.00; 11,
D McKee (AZ), 4.80; A Ashurst (Eng), no

30 kilometres road walk

1, G Lebianc (Card, 2hr Osmin 28sec; 2, A Jachno (Aus), 209:09; 3, 1 McComble (Engl, 209:20; 4. F Lapointe (Can),

Pole vault

in separate incidents. The appeals jury rejected the protest but gave Kenya the opportunity to appeal. Kenya finally ac-cepted the decision.

New tournament Benson and Hedges, the oldest established sponsors in smooker, are to stage a new tournament in Scotland next year. The first Benson and Hedges Masters satellite tournament, for players outside the top 16 in the world rankings, will be held at Dennistoun in Glasgow from January 14-21,

medal and collapse

terday, almost 24 hours after his shock victory over John Ngugi, the Olympic champion, in the 5,000m.

The late ceremony was caused by a protest from the Kenyan team immediately after the race. They claimed that Ngugi and hiscompatriot, Yobes Ondicki, had been pushed before falling in converte, indicated that Ngugi and hiscompatriot, Yobes Ondicki, had been pushed before falling in converte, indicated that Ngugi and hiscompatriot. The convering is converted in the sale was recovering.

Lisa Langford collapsed in the stiffing heat and hamidity after took the gold in this event. Mary England four years ago, was seventh, with 6.33 metres.

Ian Tullett, aged 20, isaproved his personal best in the pole vanit by five centimetres to take the silver for England. The

behind Kerry Saxby, the world record holder from Australia, in 47min 23.00sec. Anne Judkins, of New Zealand was second. Ian McCombie secured En-gland's second walk medal, in

gazar's second want mean, in the men's 30km event. Guil-laume Leblanc, of Canada, fin-ished well clear of the field, but McCombie closed fast on An-drew Jachao, of Anstralia, and was narrowly desired the silver.
Fiona May, rated the best
British long jump prospect since
Mary Rand, finished a disappointing third, with a best of
6.55 metres, Jane Flemming, the

winner, Simon Arkell, of Anstralia, set a Games record of 5.35m. Matthew Belsham, the youngest athlete in the England team, finished a creditable tenth, with 5.00m, but Andy Ashurst, the national No. 1, failed to record a

height.

Janet Boyle, of Northern Ire-Janet Boyle, of Northern Ire-land, added the silver medal in the high jump to the bronze she was four years ago, but was beaten for the gold by Tania Murray, of New Zealand, in a jump-off. Both failed at 1.91m, but Murray cleared 1.85m.

Run of successes ended as Hughes and Adshead fall

The break had to come, follow-ing the success of England's first eight fighters, who produced one Commonwealth gold medal after another in the first three days. It was only a matter of time before the mounting pressure to succeed forced an error from a player and put an end to extravagant talk of a clean

In fact, two English players, the lightweight, Ann Hughes and the featherweight, Mark Adshead, were beaten at the semi-final stage and had to be context with house medials. "I content with bronze medals. "I am sorry I broke the run,"
Adshead said. There was much for Britain to

celebrate for the fourth day of competition brought two more gold medals for England and one for Scotland and couple of silvers, and bronzes for Northern Ireland and Wales. There was a fairy-tale story for New Zealand when Brent

Cooper, swept Mark Preston, of Scotland, off his feet in the featherweight final, won the title and then announced his The gold medal for England

the good mean for Engand came from an expected source, the lightweight Roy Stone, aged 23. "I can feel myself getting stronger with each big event," Stone said. He gave a mature and impressive performance to win the under-71k title.

win the under-71k time.

He had the hardest draw, but came through with credit, throwing a tough Anstralian, James Hallett, for ippon with a foot sweep, and then drew William Cusack, of Scotland, which is a special for the final twice for part scores. In the final he contained a very capable Nigerian, Magemite Nigerian, Magemite Omaghatuwaje, who had elimi-nated Colin Savage, of Northern Ireland, throwing him twice

Cyprus, with uchimata in less than 20 seconds. Other brouzes came from Colin Savage, of Northern Ireland, and William Cusack, of Scotland, in the triumph

for Smith By Richard Eaton

Fiona Smith became Commonwealth champion and unexpect-edly completed a trio of golds when she and Sara Sankey beat the No. 1 seeds and title-hold-ers, Gill Clark and Gillian Gowers, in the women's doubles yesterday. Smith won a gold medal in the team event and confirmed this season as the best of her career.

Her 11-7, 12-9 singles win against Denyse Julien, of Canada, ended the progress of the spiky-haired left-hander, who had upset the defending champion, Helen Troke, of England. Smith achieved her triumph from 7 9 down in the triumph from 7-9 down in the second game, by recovering her accuracy after a brief run of three uncharacteristic mistakes ested she was nervous.

It was a fine achievement by a player who had to pay her own way when she first travelled the much of her career in the shadow of Troke, England's outstanding woman player of the 1980s. Smith has a chance of

the 1980s. Smith has a chance of emulating Troke by becoming the European champion.

Her women's doubles win with Sankey by 18-14, 2-15, 15-9 over her team colleagues, Clark and Gowers, was achieved partly because the reigning champion found it difficult to penetrate the defence of the underdogs. But England's final tally of three golds was still one less than in 1986, when Malaysia boycotted the games. sia boycotted the games.

under-71k category and Lisa Griffiths, of Wales, in the featherweight class. Threefold Woodhall downs his arch rival

Richie Woodhall's wait for a boxing gold medal ended when he beat Raymond Downey, of Canada, in supreme fashion to claim the Commonwealth light-middleweight title yesterday. The forestry worker from Telford had a golden glint in his eyes the moment a ferocious left-right combination sent Downey to the canvas 99 seconds into the final round.

Downey staggered to his feet to complete the bout but Woodhall's victory — England's second of the tournament - was confirmed by a 4-1 majority. "I've had seven medals in nine tournaments - three silvers and four bronze, but never a gold. Now I've put that right," Woodhall said.

The two men, bronze medal lists at the Seoul Olympics, had clashed twice before, with one win apiece, but the Englishman superiority over the man from Nova Scotia. "This was the decider," Woodhall said. "Back home before we came I knew Downey was the one to beat and I was praying he would be on the other side of the draw because I wanted to get this decided in the final."

Downey, a southpaw, was on the receiving end of crunching appeacuts in the first round but it developed into a close scrap until Woodhall let fly in the third. "I always said this was for my dad, who has just had his fiftieth birthday, Woodhall

A Kenyan protest alleging racial bias by judges was dis-missed by an appeals jury. The accusation followed the defeat of Nicodemus Odore, who lost a 3-2 points decision in the light-welterweight final against Charles Kane, of Scotland. dent of the International Ama-teur Boxing Association, gave

no reason for the rejection, saying that no action would be taken against the judges. The Kenyan sports minister, Ochola Makangango, stormed out of the arena, shouting "rubbish" after the ring verdict was announced to loud boos from spectators. "That decision was not in the spirit of the Commonwealth. It's racist," he yelled. "It was purely racial, there are so few

African judges," the team chief, Isaiah Kiplagat, said. "We feel the decision was unfair, it was

Maddison is denied title in shoot-out John Maddison, of England,

came within two points of a gold medal in a shoot-out in the

The British champion, aged 22, from Portland, in Dorset, shared a Commonwealth Games record total of 539 points with Colin Robertson, of Australia, at the end of the competition proper. However, the student from Victoria, aged 32, won the title with an 89-87 victory in their two-man decid-ing duel.

Philip Scanlan took England's final shooting medal haul to 17
- three gold, eight silver and six
bronze - when he finished third in the prone rifle event. The European silver medal-

list, of Romford, shot 590 points, including a perfect 100, to take the bronze behind Roger Harvey and Stephen Petterson, of New Zealand

Michael Jay, of Wales, al-ready a bronze medallist in the rand fire pistol, was unlucky not to add another medal in the centre fire discipline. He led the .
field at the halfway stage with a superb 292 in the rapid section, but was let down in the pre-cision shooting, when his 284 was only the ninth best.

Controversy marred the competition when Greg Yelavich, of New Zealand, lost a silver medal

him go out in the heats." Longbottom comes in for injured Luckwell From Peter Bryan

Peter Longbottom, the winner of the opening stage of the 1989 Milk Race, replaces Ben Luckwell in today's 105-mile road race which closes the cycling most certain to be his last in well in today's 105-mile road race which closes the cycling programme at the Games. Luckwell, the holder of the Star Trophy awarded to the most consistently placed British rider of the year, had a serious fall realize this past. The Bristol. carlier this week. The Bristol rider was taken to hospital and although he was right knee made his fitness current. although he was not detained, injuries to his right knee made his fitness suspect.

Bernard Burns, the road team manager who cannot expect to play any part in the destination of the medals. The course is demanding and if half the field finish within 20 min-

Bernard Burns, the road team manager, brought in Longbottom, a seasoned rider who has ridden at international level for 11 years, to support the British champion, David Cook, Wayne Randle, last year's Manx International winner, and John Tanner. the newcomer. Tanner, the newcomer.

The absence of Luckwell makes England's task more difficult but not impossible one

difficult but not impossible on a Auckland, provided that the team can survive the hills and the heat promised for today. Longbottom had not been expected to compete in the road

Scots take first gold

From David Rhys Jones

Scotland beat Northern Ireland, vesterday, in the final of the men's fours at Pakuranga, bringing the Commonwealth Games ing the Commonwealth Games bout characteristics to a first Games

podiums during the medal

best Jim Baker's world cham-pion four by 19 shots to 14, Wood collecting his fourth Commonwealth Games medal, Wood collecting his touring four outstanding deliveries over four outstanding deliveries over the last four ends, taking the last four ends, taking the score from 1978 and gold in 1982. Adrain, the holder of the pairs

the Irish team. New Zealand, the winners of

ing the Commonwealth Games bowls championships to a highly unrepresentative close. Scotland's was the first sald medal, and Ireland's the first silver, to come Britain's way since the Games began on Wednesday, January 25.

Australia, with one silver and three gold medals, and New Zealand, with one gold, two silver and two bronze medals, have virtually monopolized the podiums during the medal Phil Skoglund skipped New Quelification

1. J Hurbert (Engl. 16.88m; 2, M Hadjandrous (Cyp), 16.63; 3, P Nicze (Sey), 16.56; 4, E Floreal (Can), 16.57; 5, J Edwards (Engl. 18.50; 5, G Winton (Can), 16.44; 7, V Samuetts (Engl. 16.38; 3, B Wellman (Ber), 16.22; 9, M Sacri (Malay), 16.09; 10, A Murphy (Aus), 16.04; 11, F ighinophene (Higeria), 18.00; 12, M Sweeney (Aus), 15.97. Mon-qualifiers 13, C Ouncan (Sect), 15.81; 14, A Addels (Higeria), 15.32; P Simerism (Aus) and O Oglivio (Can), no valid jumps. 1, A Otukoju (Nigeria), 62.62m; 2. W Reiterer (Aus), 61.56; 3, P Nandapi (Aus), 59.94; 4, B Cooper (Ban), 58.96; 5, P Mardie (Eng), 58.76; 6, R Lacolins (Can), 57.84; 7, G Savory (Eng), 57.44; 8, D Morris (Scot), 56.10; 9, R McManus (Can), 52.66; 10, M Robinson (NZ), 53.54; A Exoku (Eng) no valid throws.

Zealand to a convincing victory Denis Love, Ian Bruce, over the Australian Four.

Scotland, skipped by 1 Scotland, skipped by Joyce Lindores, controlled the bronze medal play-off, until Jenny Wallis, the Hong Kong skip, played

YESTERDAY'S RESULTS FROM AUCKLAND 2-12-41; 5, M. Easton (Eng.), 2-14-52; 6, C. Maddocks (Eng.), 2-15-07; equal 7, S. Bater (Aus.), 2-19-55; 8, P. Copeland (Aus.), 2-19-55; 9, S. Parington (IoM), 2-20-11; 10, S. Donnaldy (NZ), 2-24-01; 11, M. Archambault (Cun), 2-29-22; 12, S. Sullivan (NZ), 2-35-40; M. Tengitamustii (Coold, did not finish). 1,500 metres Heats
(First tive in each heat and overall two instead losers quality for fine)
HEAT ONE: 1, P Elicit (Enc), 3min 42,88sec; 2, A Morrel (Eng), 3x428; 3, W Kirochi (Ken), 2x43,45; 4, P O'Donoghue (NZ), 3x454; 5, P Scarameli (Aus), 3x43,54; 5, P Scarameli (Aus), 3x428; 9, C Mathieson (Carl, 3x50,65; 10, W Theiseno (NZ), 3x45,52; 7, M Kirk (N Ire), 3x45,50; 8, N Horsfield (Neles), 3x43,44; 9, C Mathieson (Carl, 3x50,65; 10, W Theiseno (Bod, 3x50,85; 11, M Hornele (Zm), 3x50,45; 3, J Watker (NZ), 2x43,25; 4, D Carapheli (Carl), 3x43,35; 5, J Hamer (Wates), 3x43,15; 3, J Watker (NZ), 3x43,25; 7, M Thee (Bod), 3x44,35; 5, L McKenzie (Jam), 3x53,76; 10, J Siguria (PNG), 4x55,49. Heats

Women

Heats
(First See in each heat and overall two featest losers quality for Snat)
HEAT CHE: 1. L. MacIntyre (Scot), 4min 10.57 sec; 2. K. Huchreson (Scot), 4:10.55; 3, A. Cheimers (Can), 4:10.57; 4. S. Balley (Eng), 4:10.71; 5, C. Pfizzipager (MZ), 4:10.71; 6, S. Collins (Aus), 4:12.28; 7, U. McKee (N. Irs), 4:16.41; 8, A. Hare (MZ), 4:20.25; 9, K. Lushelle (Swaz), 4:4.76; 2, D. Bowter (Can), 4:15.25; 3, B. Micholson (Eng), 4:15.50; 4. Murray (Scot), 4:15.57; 5, M. Baumpariner (Aus), 4:16.10; 6, R. Mesgher (Can), 4:16.27; 7, C. Schureslow (Aus), 4:16.58; 8, D. Shedden (NZ), 4:21.42

10,000 micross
1. E. McColgan (Scot), 22min 23.56ee;; 2.
J. Hunter (Engl., 32.33.21; 3, B Moore (MZ),
32.44.73; 4. C Roufflard (Can), 32.49.36; 5,
J. Ngotho (Ken), 32.54.20; 6, S Hobson
(Aus), 32.54.92; 7, J. Lund (Aus), 32.58.80;
8, J. Shields (Engl., 32.59.42; 9, L
Russieres (Can), 33.15.65; 10, S Loe
(Can), 33.22.65; 11, A Audain (MZ),
33.40.13; 12, K McLand (Scot), 34.24.71;
13, A Hannem (NZ), 34.42.62; A Tooby
(Wales) and W Sy (Engl., did not finish.

100 metres hurdles

High jump

T. K. Mortey (Wales), 12.91sec; 2, S. Gurnall (Eng), 13.12, 3, L-A Stasse (Eng), 13.31; 4, J. Fleatming (Aus), 13.37; 5, G. Nurn-Cearns (Aus), 13.47; 6, J. Laurendet (Aus), 13.52; 7, J. Robinson (N les), 13.55; 8, H. Pirovano (NZ), 13.61; L. Fraser (Eng), dec.

High jump

1. Tuturray (VZ) 1.88m (attar jump-off); 2, J Boyle (N Ire), 1.88; 3, T Philips (NZ), 1.88 (on countback); equal 4, T Woodhead (NZ) and V Ward (Aus), 1.85; 8, J Tabbot (Aus), 1.85; 7, D Boyl (Aus), 1.85; 8, L Estwick (Can), 1.85; equal 9, D Davies (Eng) and J Cockeroft (Can), 1.80; 11, L McCurol-Cameron (Can), 1.90; 13, S Huschings (N Ire), 1.90; 13, S Huschings (N Ire), 1.90; 13, S Huschings (N Ire), 1.90; 13, S Huschings (Eng), 1.75; 15, J Jennings (Eng), 1.70; D Gardner (Lorn), no height. Long jump

Long jump

1. J Flexming (Aus), 6.78m; 2, B Utondu
(Nigeria), 6.65; 3, F May (Eng), 6.55; 4, C
Aurima (Nigeria), 6.48; 5, J Modfist (NZ),
6.46; 6, S Ferguson (Bah), 6.41; 7, M
Bernaley (Fing), 6.33; 8, S Priestrey (Aus),
6.32; 9, K Hoggar (Eng), 6.27; 10, S
Jatiotsky-Smith (Aus), 6.25; 11, L Ball
(NZ), 6.21; 12, E Huggins (Trin), 6.18; 13, D
Smelle (Can), 5.73. 18 kilometres road walk

1. K Stoby (Aus), 45min (3sec; 2, A Judidns (NZ), 47:93; 3, L Langtord (Eng), 47:23; 4, L Jachno (Aus), 47:25; 5, J McCaffrey (Can), 48:26; 6, 8 Hayman (Aus), 48:50; 7, H Elekter (Eng), 48:51; 8, A Baker (Can), 50:54; A Peet (Can) and 8 Sworowski (Eng), did not finish; J Jackson (NZ), disq. Under 65 kilograms

BADMINTON FINAL: R Stdek (Maley) bt Foo Kok Keong (Maley), 15-8, 15-10. PLAY-OFF FOR THERD PLACE: D Hall (Eng) w o S Baddeley (Eng), scr. Men's doubles FINAL: J Sidek and Razif Sidek (Melay) bt Reshid Sidek and Soon Kit Chesh (Malay),

Resite Super law Section 15-8, 16-8, 16-8, 16-8, 16-8, 16-8, PLAY-OFF FOR THERE PLACE: M Bitter and B Signshard (Carr) bt A Goode and M Johnson (Eng), 15-4, 16-5. Women's singles FINAL: F Smith (Eng) bt D Julien (Cen), 11-7, 12-9. PLAY-OFF FOR THERD PLACE: H Troke (Eng) bt D Theneker (Ind), 11-0, 11-0.

Women's doubles WYCHRENT S COULDESS'
FINAL: F Smith and S Sankey (Eng) bt G
Govers and G Clark (Eng), 18-14, 2-15,
15-9.
Felandeau and D Julien (Can), bt Sul Hon
Tan and Slew Choon Lim (Malay), 18-13,
15-2.

Mixed doubles FRIAL: Chum Chi Choi and Arry Chan (190) to S Senitay and M Johnson (Eng), 15-7, 15-12. PLAY-OFF FOR THIRD PLACE: A Goode and G Clark (Eng) w o S Beddeley and G Gowers (Eng), scr.

Men's fours PRMAL: Scotland (D Love, G Adrain, W Wood, I Bruce) 19, Northern Ireland (S Allen, J Baker, J McCloughtin, R McClacheon) 14.

PLAY-OFF FOR THERD PLACE: New Zestend (K Darling, S McConnell, P Show, P Stogland) 21, Australia (D Ketunerich, K Woods, D Datton, R Johnston) 13.

PMAL: Australia (D Shew, M Stevens, D Roche, A Rutherford) 20, New Zeetund (A Lambert, M Ctestie, Fi Riyer, L McLeson) 18. PLAY-DFF FOR THATID PLACE: Hong Kong (Cheu Sau Ling, Lee Yee Lai, N Rozzario, J Wellis) 21, Scotland (J Maxwell, J Lindores, A Watson, A Evens) 20.

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LIGHT-MEDILEWEIGHT; P. Woodheli
(Eng) bt R Downey (Carl), pts.

MEDILEWEIGHT; C Johnson (Carl), bt A J Laryes (Gre), pre. SUPER-HEAVYWEIGHT: M Kenny (NZ) bi L Athersen (Che), pts.

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TODAY'S PROGRAMME 06.80-07.30: Closing ceremony.

GAMES ON TV BBC1: 10.30-11.30cm (and Grand Europort: 11cm-1am: Histories

All-weather but not much enjoyment

n a foreword to the Jockey Club's guide to all-weather racing, pub-lished five months ago, Andrew Parker Bowles wrote: "The financial implications for the racing industry are clear. All-weather track racing is being introduced primarily to offset the financial losses caused to the levy by the abandonment of race meetings during the winter period."

In earlier paragraphs of the introduc-tion he had spoken enthusiastically of "the advantages of Flat racing through-out the year and National Hunt racing at a time when fixtures are usually lost," and referred ingenuously to the provision of "opportunity for the racing public ... to enjoy this new extension of our sport." He got it wrong. They don't.
The racing public, almost to a man,

currently stays at home rather than spend an afternoon at Lingfield or Southwell What the Jockey Club called "an exciting new concept" is similar to the Indian rope trick: you never meet anyone who has actually seen it, though you occasionally encounter those who know someone who has.

Quite simply all-weather racing is to the sport of kings what the pools panel became to football: a means whereby the gaming industry could provide a medium for gambling even when the weather gods have decided otherwise. (Since its introduction three months ago the weather has been mostly benign — though among the handful of casualties to the calendar have been one at each of the all-weather tracks: Southwell because of fog, Lingfield as a result of the

I went to Southwell - which many nundits pronounce Suthell - though not the locals of adjacent Newark and Nottingham. It has always been recognized as a pretty average sort of track in an average part of the country where average horses jump average obstacles, and the reason for its being selected as one of the venues for all-weather was the willingness of the owners to improve the course - it would not have been easy to have made it any worse.

A difficult place to find, Southwell is. The Racing Post suggests you get there from St Pancras via Nottingham, then by a local railway line to Rolleston station trains every one to two hours, which is optimistic. The Sporting Life locates the track seven miles west of Newark, but is unhelpful when it comes to means of getting there by public transport. King's Cross to Newark is best; then a £5 taxi. "Has there been a marked upturn in trade since the all-weather stuff began," I asked the driver of my cab. "No," he

The country is flat and green and wet; you cross the River Trent, glance back at the ruins of Newark Castle, pass the villages of Averham and Staythorpe and iust as you are about to turn to the driver and say: "It cannot be anywhere near here." there it is. The course is oval with a chute at the

end of one straight. The stand has seen much better days; another is in the



Loneliness of the long-distance punter: having tracked Southwell down, Clement Frend scans the horizon for fellow racegoers and a piece of the all-weather action

course of construction. Some runcible buildings house the catering facilities; a cosy, bespoke Tote Credit building is where the cognoscenti gather to keep from the elements and watch racing from up-market locations like Plumpton.

An all-weather track has been introduced (stands are built, tracks introduced) in the centre of the oval. It looks as if it is made of brown sugar but is technically Fibresand — "a carefully blended mixture of silica sand and synthetic rot-proof fibres."

pick my way through the mud flats and examine the 14-mile circuit affording a three-furlong run-in. The going is always of-ficially "standard"; unofficially pretty desperate - like the sands of Southport where Red Rum was so well prepared for his Grand Nationals. I suppose "yielding" is a fair description, not "bottomless"; a poor place to build a decent-sized sand-castle for there is a layer of geotextile membrane just

The overall atmosphere is reminiscent of Wisbech greyhound stadium on a bad day and yet there is a sort of buzz that attaches to even the most pedestrian arena when there is money to be won and brave men stand up beside satchels filled with bank notes.

By way of distraction, there is a stateof-the-art barbecue and baked potato stand; a tea room in which you get real tea at 25p a cup and cakes that you could take or leave at 40p a slab. The dining room does its best with a three-course £7 meal and there is a bar.

You can understand racetracks that hold one meeting every five weeks having difficulties with catering. At Southwell, where there is racing two days in every four, there is little excuse for not having high quality products and none at all for failing to come up with some sort of winners' package.

Regardless of the unimportance of the races, each afternoon throws up six successful owners, six trainers, and half a dozen lots of "connections," all looking for somewhere to entertain their friends and celebrate a famous victory. There is an ante-room to the centle-

men's lavatory in the members' enclosure - a stand that is now so far removed from the action as to be useless for observation, which would lend itself for such occasions. It is furnished with a waiting room table and the kind of sofa on which passengers used to sleep in ancient railway comedies starring Will Hay. A jobbing builder could turn it into

a Winners' Bar in 48 hours. Apart from overall financial reasons, there are other positive aspects to all-weather racing; it benefits the small, non-Sheikh owners whose chances of winning prizes on real racecourses are getting ever more remote; and there are small trainers and little-known jockeys for whom meetings at this lower level are a lifeline to continued existence.

Whether moderate horses, unable to win against "proper competition" deserve the opportunity to race in public is another question - as is the wisdom of providing hurdles so low and insubstantial that horses come to no harm galloping through them, thus losing respect for obstacles

But good as it looks on SIS in the betting shops, there is little in-built magic about the all-weather branch of the business. It is about plodding and plodding more quickly, when horse racing at its best is about finding another gear. On Fibresand, whoever comes round the final bend in the first few places is going to win for horses do not so much race past each other as overtake

There are countries where they race on artificial surfaces to general satisfaction: Hong Kong is one but in Hong Kong they have not seen how it can be and the quality of the horses is moderate. It is the amazing wealth of trappings

that go with journeyman racehorses at Happy Valley that make you forgive and forget their shortcomines: the huge wins, place and forecast pools that enable you to pick up millions; the computerized totalisator boards that flash up the odds; the thousand screens that enable you to follow the action; the restaurants, bars and entertainment suites, and the facility to reach the track easily by public

hat is tough at Southwell is the dearth of quality both on and off the track. The inability to have a good time coupled with the lack of opportunity to make a financial killing is a hard act to sell. There were half a dozen serious

bookmakers - probably just enough to create a true market, though one medium-sized punter (Southwell could not accommodate a big punter) or rumours that Ladbrokes are backing this

Attendances and **Tote turnovers**

The average daily attendances since allweather racing began on October 30 are 252 at Southwell (excluding yesterday) and 445 at Lingfield. These figures are turnstile paying customers only and do not include owners, members, private box holders etc.

The daily average Tote turnovers up to and including January 27 are £7,929 at Southwell and £19,946 at Lingfield. These figures represent the aggregate of all pools (win, place, dual forecast and placepot) and incorporate business from credit clients and off-course bookmakers passed on to the track by the Tote.

or that horse can bring a 2-1 shot down to 5-4 at a single wipe of the board.
Yet bookmakers are on to less than a

good thing at Southwell for form works out remarkably well, surprises tending to come from horses who have not previously raced on brown sugar. Also, jockeys speak well of it - but then they would. What is missing, apart

from a surface from which a horse will bounce, is the joyous spectacle of horses at full stretch and the opportunity of celebrating the exultation that comes with winning anything.

A discreet notice in the dining room announces good champagne at £20 a bottle, which is a snip, but celebrations would have to be held against the overall dreariness of the place. When I am asked to plan a racecourse, I shall erect a proper champagne bar before I would think of introducing a track or putting up a winning post.

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As with Spanish holiday packages in the Sixties, all-weather racing has been introduced before it was ready. There will come a day, in a year or two, when one will be able to sit and watch in comfort, when the appalling packet soup served in the dining room will be a distant memory (though there will not be nicer waitresses to apologize for it); where the bookmakers will be within the same time zone as the winning post. Until that comes about and the name

Southwell trips off the nation's tongues as easily as Epsom, it is something of a liberty to charge punters for what is currently on offer: the presentation of contests which the 10,000 betting shops of Great Britain can put on their screens in order to increase the £4 billion annual turnover on horseracing - a turnover from which the Government takes in excess of eight per cent in tax, bookmakers make upwards of 20 per cent gross profit and on which there is a levy of less than one per cent that goes back into the sport.

Contrary to the predictions of Colonel Parker Bowles, the racing public is not going to enjoy this until they get better

FOCUSING ON THE LEADING LIVERY YARD AS NEW POINT-TO-POINT SEASON COMES UNDER ORDERS

By Alix Ramsay

"I always thought I'd do something with horses, it's in the family." she explained. "When I was younger I was As the new point-to-point season and her Holdenby stables in Northamptonskire to see hether she can repeat her

Old Nick for flying

start at Old Raby

By Brian Beel, Point-to-point Correspondent

the Audi Prix de Chasse at current Grand Marnier cham-Cheltenham on May 2 takes place today at the Old Raby Hunt Club point-to-point.

From a total of 156 entries for outings in the past, Rhusted is

Ballinaveen, is racing under National Hunt rules now. And Wings, Okayso and Lollys Patch all won four races last year, and I have high hopes for them," she said. "I bave some lrish horses new

to the yard — Milesian, Fedneyhill and Deljoha — so I will have to see how they go." However, she will still be keeping a watchful eye on Ballinaveen, once her late grandmother's horse, as the successful trainer is now the It's not hard to see how

Caroline Saunders became involved with racing. Her father, Dick Saunders, a full-time farmer, won the 1982 Grand National on the hunter chaser Grittar and is closely involved in

the six races, only a disappointing dozen are down to go in the Audi, of which Old Nick may be

Although jumping lapses caused his downfall in two of his

five races last term, he im-pressed when winning compet-

itive open races, one of which was in heavy going.

The main opposition today may come from Ingleby Imp, who won four of his time races

last year, and Dercanny, who is

point-to-pointing after a dis-appointing spell under Rules but will find Roscoe Boy a hard

nut to crack if they oppose in the

The North Coruwall start

their meeting, susprisingly, with

the two open races. Donavan's

Choice could go in the men's event here and give John Dufosee a fair chance of opening

consecutive wins in mid-scason

last year and on that form could

go well at the West Country

meeting, but it must be remem-

bered that he had previously

pulled up, first time out, on

heavy going.

Mandy Turner could get

Ready Steady returns to

the pick.

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interested in eventing, but when I reached 22 I realised I couldn't

Her career as a rider was ended by lajary after 40 wins. That was three years age. Since then she has concentrated on training and bas built up her stable and awesome reputation with, as she puts it: "No special

said. "I have good horses, good jockeys, good owners and a good staff. I stay with point-to-pointing because it is still connected to hunting. We hust the horses until Christmas to qualify them and we all enjoy it.
There is no money in point-topoints, but I have some very nice
owners who enjoy riding All of which sounds a little too

good to be true. Months of hard slog, seven days a week and for no great prize-money at the end.

Surely not?
"In point-to-pointing there

Although second on initial outings in the past, Rhusted is still difficult to oppose at the Waveney. Capable of brilliant

performances, his season was curtailed last April after falling

heavily at Cottenham. Recent outings in the hunting field should, however, have restored

Noan Wood has the choice of

two engagements and could win either while Darrington Deal would benefit by avoiding both of these in for his selected race. In the maiden, Prince Nepal

The Staff College and RMA Drag Hunt meeting at Twesel-down is off because of a

Today's meetings

North Continet at Royal Commet Show Ground, for W of Wadelindge (first race) 12.01: Old Reby Hunt Clab at Witton Castle, Sin W of Busing Audiann (12.30): Wayessay at Higham, 8m NE of Calchester

• Call Collect, the comfortable winner of the Liverpool

Foxhunters' and third in the Christies at Cheltenham, re-

turns in the first of the season's hunter chases at Wetherby (4.0),

conceding 10th to the other four runners (Brian Beel writes). Best

of these is Bronze Head,

waterlogged course.

his confidence.

stepping stone to National Hunt, but that is not for me in the immediate future. I am enjoying things too much at the moment, "Point-to-pointing is very

much a friendly day out. It's a small community but very friendly and very sporting. The thrill comes from training win-ners and from training bad bers and from training oan horses to win. Some are just plain thick or ignorant. It doesn't matter how much you school them and try to teach them to jump, they still fall over. But it is an achievement to get them to win And there's always. them to win. And there's always the challenge of a new horse and a new jockey."

She is pot in favour of wredding her best horses in entton wool." It is tempting not to hunt a good horse, but we enjoy hunting and the horses enjoy it. It does them good, too. They learn to jump on had ground,"

Having looked after her charges all through the season and trained them to their ul-timate limits, you would have thought that race-day would be the time when the train could relax. After all, the race is up to the horse and rider. Not so. "I'm a nervous wreck," she admitted. "I can only relax when the last runner is safely tucked up in his

The support of her family has made her life a little easier. "I have had a lot of advice from my parents," she said. "They have backed me up and given me a lot of assistance and we argue about the business. But they have let me run things and find my own feet. The first of the 30 qualifiers for quickly off the mark on the feet.

The first of the 30 qualifiers for quickly off the mark on the feet.

"I think I could be a trainer

now without their advice but I could not have started on without them. Having the farm and the facilities here helped a great deal imancially at the beginning." Certainly it is a family bosi-

ness. With 22 horses un ness. With 72 horses under her wing this season and 24 last season Saunders sometimes finds herself thinly spread over a busy weekend. "If I'm going to two meetings, my father will go to one of them and do my job there while I go to the other. And if we go to three, my mother will take the third. I'm sure my father enjoys the sport out the

take the third. I'm sure my father enjoys the sport and the fact that I've done well."

Things don't always go well however. The worst thing to happen to any trainer is to lose a horse. "Every time it happens — and we lost three last season — it is hard to cope with. Working with them you become so attached. Whether you own them or not. I think of all the horses as mine while they are here."

However, this dedicated

However, this dedicated trainer is looking forward in the new season with the nim of repeating last year's successes. "We've had one or two coughing recently, but I think we're clear of it now," she said. "It's always a worry - viruses come and go in the yard like a yo-yo. We had it in December but it seems to have cleared up. I think all the horses are well and I am as hopeful as



Top point-to-point trainer Caroline Saunders gives grey hunter Banker an affectionate pat at her Holdenby stables

Improving Nomadic Way to take honours in Wessel

From Our Irish Racing Correspondent, Dublin

Nomadic Way and Island Set provide a strong English pres-ence in tomorrow's Wessel Ca-The letter carrying Paddy Mullins's entry for Grabel was delayed in the post and the mare ble Champion Hurdle at

Nomadic Way, trained by Barry Hills for Robert Sangster, landed a gamble on the Flat two seasons ago in the Tote Cesarewitch

Over hurdles this season, he has twice been in the frame and, while he finished 10 lengths behind Cruising Altitude when they met at Newbury in November, he cut the deficit to a head on their second encounter, on virtually identical terms, in the Charles Heidsieck Bula Hurdle at Cheltenham in December. On form, Island Set has an even better chance for he had Cruising Altitude 15 lengths

behind in third when a four-length runner-up to Sondrio in the Waterford Crystal Supreme Novices' Hurdle at Cheltenham I believe, though, that Cruis-

ing Alutude had gone over the top by that stage of the season and, as Island Set has not had a previous jumping run this win-ter. Nomadic Way could have

was therefore omitted from the entries. Grabel's form will, however, be on trial as the Irish team is headed by Elementary, who was trying to give her the 5lb sex allowance when beaten a head in the Bookmakers' Hurdle over this course and distance at Since then, Elementary has

been unplaced under top weight in The Ladbroke but he ran a better race there than his finishing position of nineteenth would suggest. Held up in the rear, he made headway from halfway but was found out by the very strong gallop.

Tomorrow's race is likely to be run at a more sedate gallop

and this will suit Elementary, whose best distance on the Flat was nine furlongs, Naevog looks best of the remainder but the finish should be fought out between the English pair and Elementary, with Nomadic Way the selection.

Jim Dreaper expressed his pessimism yesterday concerning the race fitness of Carvill's Hill, who has to carry 12st 2lb.

including a 2th penalty, in the

Harold Clarke Leopardstown A much bigger penalty was incurred by the English runner, Mweenish, from John Webber's stable. Mweenish was put up

23lb after winning the Threstes Handicap Chase by a dozen lengths when carrying a stone more than his long handicap Mweenish is clearly much better than the Irish handicar-

per originally thought but Carvill's Hill has won his only two handicaps over fences by margins of a distance and 15 lengths. Even though short of his best, Carvill's Hill may still have the class to beat Mwcenish. Ireland tomorrow

3.10 WESSEL CABLE CHAMPION HUR-DLE (Irt29.850: 2m) (8 numers) 820 Elementary trained by J Golger 7-11-7 (ridden by T Carrody); 104 Fourth of July M O'Toole 7-11-7 (R Dumwoody); 112 Island Set K Morgan B-11-7 (F Woods); 000 Roerk G Wells 8-11-7 (K Morgan); 001 Toradfield F Lonnon 8-11-7 (F Woods); 032 Nomedic Wey (B) B Hits 5-11-4 (F Scudamore); 301 Neeveg L Browne 7-11-2 (T Tastia); 021 Dalf Eireans (B) M O'Toole 4-10-9 (A Power), 7-4 Norsack Way, 11-4 Elementary, 7-2

All Jeff sets fine Cagnes example From Our French Racing Correspondent, Cagnes

All Jeff, who has the Sun meeting closes on Sunday Ben Hanbury has not sent

Alliance Chase as his reported runners to Cagnes for a while, but his five-strong team includes the smart Per Quod, twice placed in group or grade I company last year, and a likely March 18. The highlight, the target, may not win another penny in British prize-money this season, but he has certainly

A month's sojourn in Cagnes-sur-Mer brought back over £19,000 from two completed starts, and Charlie Brooks, bis trainer, was no doubt bighly

British Flat trainers have been aware of the attractions of Cagnes for some while. This eek, the first of 20 or so raiders have been checking into their boxes in readiness for the start of the season tomorrow. The track bosts 19 days of sport on the level before the

Racing next week MONDAY: Wolverhampton, Font-well Park, Lingfield Park (AW) TUESDAY: Carlisle, Warwick, Ling-field Park (AW)

WEDNESDAY: Ascot, Ludlow. THURSDAY: Huntingdon, Wincanton, Southwell (AW) FRIDAY: Newbury, Ayr, Sedgefield, Lingheld Park SATURDAY: Newbury, Ayr, Uttox-eter, Catterick Bridge, Lingfield Park (AW)

● The £27,000 Old Road Securities Reynoldstown Chase at Ascot on Wednesday has attracted a strong entry of 10. They are: Buckshee Boy, Capeli Cone, Carrick Hill Lad, Celtic Shot, Deep Colonist, Last House, Mixed Blends, Our Fellow, Royal Athlete, Wrekin Hill. Cascal des Alpes Maritimes, takes place a week beforehand. William Hastings-Bass, who will have four or five horses there including the Queen's filly Starlet, is the leading overseas trainer with 24 winners in the past 10 years.

Robert Armstrong has enjoyed 16 successes in the same period, and his team includes last year's course winner Bean

Charlie Nelson, the last Eng-lish trainer to win the Grand Prix, with Gorgeous Strike in 1987, may well be represented by both Spitfire and Double Encore in that contest,

long-range favourite for the After record earnings of £116,874 in 1987, with 13 winners, the British tally last season fell to a disappointing £42,659, including only six suc-

But the Cagnes executive was keen that the English presence be restored to its former strength, and made many more boxes available this year. They have been rewarded with a party that combines both quality and

Fort gets off the mark

Secret Finale gave permit trainer John Fort from Brancepeth. County Durham, his first winner with a battling victory over Fettuccine in the Makerstoun Conditional Jockeys Claiming Hurdle at Kelso

"I have been assistant trainer to Neville Byeroft and Mick Easterby and then private trainer for Mel Britiain. I decided to strike out on my own a year ago as a permit holder and now have five horses. Secret rinale. who is my seventh runner, has had the virus, but is now right," Fort said.

Stuart Turner produced the winner to lead approaching the last flight and score by

threequarters of a length. Middleham trainer George Moore, just back from a week's Moore, just back from a week's holiday in Florida and a fostnight in the Bahagnas, was soon back in the winners' enclosure when 9-4 favourite Radical Lady, partnered by Mark Duyer, cruised to a 10-length victory over Dubalea in the Federation Brewery Novices Chase (Qualifier).

Letric, owned and trained by Bob Brewis at Belford, took age nasty fall at the fence close to like stands, broke a forcieg and had to be put down.

Moore completed a double when Ambuscade landed the Scagram 100 Pipers Champ-ionship qualifier.

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Desert Orchid can give his iegion of fans further cause for celebration by winning the Agra Diamond Chase at Sandown Park this afternoon.

The race has always been an ideal staging post between the King George VI Chase on Boxing Day and the Cheltenham Gold Cup next month because under its conditions as a limited handicap Desert Orchid is asked to concede a maximum of 211b.

He gains a further advantage from that today as all four of his rivals are out of the handicap proper, and even the closest to his proper mark, Bishops Yarn, meets Descrit Orchid on 6lb unfavourable

Bishops Yarn was half a length second to Nick The Brief in a thrilling race at Haydock last time but now - meets John Upson's charge on 5lb better terms. However, Nick The Brief had previously

run a gallant neck second to
Cool Ground here and his determination is likely to ensure

accounted for Deep Sensation
at Chetenham, He is clearly there is again little between useful, and a decisive victory himself and Bishops Yarn.

Ten Of Spades, successful at Champion Hurdle picture. Ascot after a lengthy absence, has more to do here See You Then, the former handicap last time and should

triple champion hurdler, reagain go well. He is preferred appears in the Agfa Hurdle to the unpredictable Aldino. after being off the course for almost two years. He will treble in the Tote Jackpot surely need the race and I Handicap Hurdle. He was prefer Morley Street.

Chepstow, Stratford off

The meetings at Chepstow and Stratford today have both been abandoned because of water-logging.

Rodger Farrant, the clerk of the course at Chepstow, said yesterday: "We had another haif-an-inch of rain overnight and that has been the last straw.

There is water between the last There is water between the last fence and the winning post."

Sandown survived a midday well's all-weather meeting.

SANDOWN PARK

Osric was caught close home by Atlaal in a Kempton Calabrese can complete a

particularly impressive at As-He was disappointingly cot last time and even with a in his two subsequent starts. A

beaten by Propero at Chep- 6lb penalty he remains stow last time but had pre- favourably treated.

£20,700: 3m 118yd) (5 runners)

3.5 AGFA HURDLE (Listed race: £6,830: 2m) (6 runners)

Long handicap: Sevens Out 9-2.

here would put him in the He was two lengths second under 12 stone to Coworth Park here last time and given his fluent hurdling could

represent some value today off on the same terms here and with Shilgrove Place - an early faller in the good his low weight. Long Engagement enjoyed his moment of glory when beating Desert Orchid over two miles here earlier in the season but he has cut little ice return to what is undoubtedly

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prefer The Dragon Master. He sprang a 100-1 surprise when winning here last season but followed up with a good win at Newbury. He again showed promise when chasing home Ten Of Spades at Ascot last time and has a clear-cut chance here in receipt of a stone from Long Engagement.

2.35 AGFA DIAMOND CHASE (Limited Handicap: Feature race:

Long handleag: Bishops Yarn 10-1, Nick The Brief 9-11, Ten Of Species 9-9, L'Ane Rouge 8-12. BETTING: 8-11 Desert Orchid, 3-1 Bishops Yarn, 7-2 Nick The Brief, 10-1 Ten Of Species, 20-1 L'Ane

1989: DESERT ORCHID 10-12-0 S Sherwood 65-6 fev) D Eleworth 6 ran

FORM FOCUS DESERT CRCHID best comfortably best stablemets Barnbrook Again BI in the King George VI Chase at Kempton (Sm. good).

VI Chase at Kempton (Sm. good).

NECK THE BRIEF stayed on strongly to best BISNOPS YARIN (Sib better off) 1/1 at Haydock (Sm. BISNOPS YARIN (Sib better off) 1/1 at Haydock (Sm. and previously neck 2nd of 1/2 to Cool Ground here (3m 5/1 18yd, good).

BISNOPS YARIN earlier best Midnight Count 3/1 at 1 Selection: DESERT ORCHID

1989: ALDINO 6-10-7 S Sherwood (4-1) O Sherwood 6 ran

1989: ROYAL STAG 7-11-6 H Davies (5-4 fav) D Grissell 4 ran

1989: ALEXHINE 5-11-8 M Pitman (B-11 fev) Mrs J Pitman 11 ran

Course specialists

BETTING: 9-4 Tort, 4-1 Speech, 5-1 Foston, 6-1 Bucky Folly, 10-1 Alnesty Fox, Lightwester Again, 12-1 Choclaw, 14-1 others.

1989: WITHY BANK 7-11-11 L Wyer (2-1) M H Easterby 11 ran

3.0 SAVE AND PROSPER HANDICAP CHASE (24,386: 3m 100yd) (8 runners)

3.30 BET WITH THE TOTE HANDICAP HURDLE (£3,752: 3m) (12 runners)

3.0 SAVE AND PROSPER HANDICAP CHASE (24,300: 311 100)(4) (4 111-11)

1 2/43121- TRAVEL OVER 302 (G,5) (Mrs C Feether) R Lee 9-12-0 B Dowling

2 411-113 NAUTICAL JOKE 72 (CD,F,G,5) (7 Pilor) W A Supherson 11-12-0 Mr K Johnson (5)

3 440-344 HIGH EDGE GREY 50 (CD,F,G,5) (J Stone) K Cliver 9-11-12 Travel

4 P/PSP-41 CITY ENTERTANER 22 (CD,5) (A Pilolip Haddock) Mrs C Postletinelita 9-11-2. M Daylor

5 0221-23 SAMEFEN 31 (B,D,F,G,5) (F Beford) M H Easterby 8-10-11 L Wyor

6 0221-23 SAMEFEN 31 (B,D,F,G,5) (F Beford) M H Easterby 8-10-11 C Gymar ◆ 93

7 32-123F BLACK SPUR 35 (F,G,3) (J Gibson) J Charlton 6-10-0 S Storey

8 295-133F BLACK SPUR 35 (F,G,5) (Mrs J Webster) M Wildnson 9-10-0 R Supple

ESTTING: 3-1 Nautical Joka, 4-1 Black Sour, 5-1 Park Prince, 13-2 City Entertainer, 7-1 Samien, Travel Over, 14-1 High Edge Grey, 20-1 Red Columbia.

1989: WHATS WHAT 10-11-7 P Niven (5-8 fav) B Bousfield 3 ran

2.30 SKIPTON NOVICES CHASE (22,717: 2m 4f 100yd) (13 runners)

2F30U1 AINSTY FOX 10 (0,G) (C Burton) B Elison 8-11-11-21/023-1 FOSTON 21 (0,S) (J Griffin) M W Easterby 7-11-11.

15 0-PP000 TRIE MODULE 11 (Mrs D Scott D Scott 6-11-0

his favourite course may re-

vive his enthusiasm, but I

The greatest danger may Shilgrove Place in the Bet with The Tote Handicap the handicap in the shape of Hurdle. He won five times last the good novice Kameo Style, season and made a successful reappearance when running on strongly to deny Andros Prince by a head at Newcastle. Andros Prince re-opposes

> Haydock race won by Mrs Muck last time - likely to improve for the run, I feel he should confirm the placings. Yorkshire Holly was a fair

third to Dutch Call at Haydock last time but may find this three miles beyond his best distance, while Withy Bank could be edged out

under top weight. Travel Over, successful from Rusch De Farges at Liverpool last season, can make a winning reappearance in the Save And Prosper Handicap Chase, while Stay Awake can defy top weight in However, for the nap I go the Spofforth Novices' Handinorth to Wetherby and cap Hurdle.



Legend's last: Willie Shoemaker, who rode in his first race in 1949, dons silks for the last time at Santa Anita today

Shoemaker retires from saddle at 58

From Iver Davis, Santa Anita, California

called The Legend's Last Ride Handicap.

The \$100,000 contest, over a mile on turf, is being run for the first and last time today, solely to commemorate Shoemaker's retirement.

Shoemaker, aged 58, has rewritten the record books with winning totals that are unlikely ever to be matched. He has ridden 8,833 winners - 1,009 of them in stakes races, and 257 of them in stakes races, and 257 of those is races worth at least \$100,000. His purses have ex-ceeded \$123 million.

It has been said that the two most important occurrences in the history of the state of Texas were the battle of the Alamo and the arrival of William

Born in the dusty cotton town of Fabens in 1932, Shoemaker or rances as 1932, Supermater weighed in at 1lb 13oz and a doctor forecast that he would not last the night.

In his chosen career, he never

In his chosen career, he never encountered weight problems. At 4ft 1 lin, he seldom went to scale at much more than seven stone. So, unlike many of his colleagues, he has not been tortured by having to waste to make low riding weights.

He began winning races in 1949 when Harry Truman was president and Joe Louis ruled the heavyweights. After just nine years in the saddle, he was elected into racing's Hall of Fame.

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Mr M Wilson (7)
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The final chapter in a career spanning six decades will be written here this afternoon when Willie Shoemaker partners? Patchy Groundfog in a race called The Legend's Last Ride Handicap.

The \$100,000 contest, over a mile on turf, is being run for the first and last time today, solely to commemorate Shoemaker's retirement.

Shoemaker, aged 58, has

as a lot of guys who are only 25."
Shoemaker's style has always combined strength and grace. He has won without ill-treating his mounts and has never been reckless. A velvet touch and judgement of pace have been his hallmarks.

Twice divorced, Shoemaker is married to Cindy, who is 19 years his junior and gave him his first child, Amanda, who is now

His departure leaves an immense gap which no one will be able to fill. But, although he is hanging up his silks, he hopes to continue his winning ways as a trainer. He passed the oral test in front of the California stewards earlier this ward.

ards earlier this week,
"I'm getting out because I
want to leave in one piece," he
explains. "My only enemy has
been Father Time." In a tribute to Shoemaker cartier this week, the Los Augeler Timer said: "Horses everywhere should be in mouraing—they are losing their best friend."

As the flag is raised before an Fame.
Shoemaker has been king in the sport of kings right ap sutil the late Eighties. At 54, he won his fourth Kentucky Derby on richly deserves.

As the ing is raised 60,000 capacity crowd at Santa Anita today, they and the millions watching on television will be cheering for the lappy ending "The Shoe"

Americans try to tempt cream for rich hurdle

American racecourse director Steve Groat arrived in England yesterday, and began his bold attempt to attract the best jumpers in the country to run in the world's richest hurdle race. Groat, director of racing at the brand new Dueling Grounds track in Franklin, Kentucky, is looking for two British repre-sentatives to invite and said:

We really want the best." Initial targets for the \$750,000 race, the Dueling Grounds International Hurdle Stakes, run over 24 miles on Sunday April 22, are Britain's current leading chaser and hurdler, Desert Orchid and Beech Road. Groat and his adviser Edward Gillespie were due to meet Desert Orchid's owner Richard Burridge yesterday, but the grey would have to miss his intended target, the Whitbread Gold Cup a week later, if he were to tackle the trace.

However, the 11st 2lb he would be set to carry under the weight-for-age conditions might prove tempting. Gillespie said: "In America

the obstacles tend to be a large hurdle or a small steeplechase

hurdle or a small steeplechase fence so this gives us the opportunity to have both the best chaser and best hurdler.

"We will be speaking to top trainers like Toby Balding, David Elsworth, Michael Stoute and Josh Gifford, but a horse like Barabrook Again, who was a very good hurdler and now a top chaser, would be the ideal type for this race."

British horses invited for the race, the main event of the

race, the main event of the course's only meeting of the year, will be known after the Chehenham festival.

They will make up a field of 20 which will comprise 10 invited runners two each foor.

invited runners, two each from Britain, Ireland, France, Australia and New Zealand. Valrodian, now racing in Britain under Michael Robinson's care, has already been invited as the champion hurdler of New Zealand and he will be joined by the country's other representative Te Aku Lad.

Australia's duo will be Wander-ing Duke, from champion trainer Colin Hayes's stable, and Groat added: "We want this thing to really grow. It is very difficult to have a project that is the biggest from the very outset but we want it to become an international event."

Foreign riders at Sandown

Tony Frick and Mark Laurence get a rare taste of British racing in the February Novices' Hurdle at Sandown today.

Laurence was champion Flat jockey in Kenya last season, but is now with Josh Gifford at Findon and rides his Super Sense. Norwegian-born Frick, who is based in Oslo, is on a month's holiday and has been booked by Geoff Hubbard to partner Jan-Re.

SOUTHWELL

Selections

By Mandarin 12.55 Miss Knight. 1.25 Gothic Ford. 1.55 Lizzy Cantle. 2.25 Vestige. 2.55 Bright Sapphire. 3.25 Christmas Holly.

Going: standard Draw: 6f-1m, low numbers best

12.55 ANNESLEY HANDICAP (3-Y-O: £2,280: 6f) (6 ILINITETS)

6 600- MORTHERN LACE ST M Britain 7-7...... Q B 6-4 Welby Ltd, 5-2 Miss Knight, 5-1 Yukosan, 7-1 Weltzing Weest, 10-1 Autobird, 25-1 Northern Lace. 1.25 DESIGN CONTRACTORS FACKLEY CLAIM-

ING STAKES (£2,763: 1m) (18) 1 2313 GOTHIC FORD 4 (CD.F.S) C Tinider 6-8-13... K Fallon 6 2 00-8 ENTERPRISE PRINCÉ 23 (F) Rorald Thompson 4-9-11 Dann McKnows 9 3 3111 IRISH PASSAGE 4 (CD.F.Q) T Barron 7-8-11

3 \$111 IRSH PASSAGE 4 (CD,F,Q) T Barron 7-8-11
Abox Groeves (5) 13
4 -142 EVENING STAR 14 (V,CD) A Hide 4-8-2. J Williams 10
5 -00 EVER 50 SMARP 18 (B,F,Q) J Smith 7-8-7 J Carrol 12
6 00P; RESDERCT 19 J Wilson 8-4 — R Fex 1
7 00-0 SQUESKY 28 R Holleshead 4-8-4. G Hauband (7) 3
-245 SUPPLEME SLUES 14 (8) M British 4-8-4. S Moleowy 7
9 -260 MGHT CLUB 14 J Smith 5-8-3 — T Carlon 14
10 _10 CAMPO 14 D Chapman 5-8-3 — T Carlon 14
11 00- KATHTEEN 15 (V) D TOREY 4-8-1 — B Crossley 15
12 059- PRINCE ENGELEERT 180 J Parksa 5-9-1 S Webster 18
13 0-2 SEVENS ARE WILD 11 4 Lee 4-8-0 — J Colon (3) 2
14 00-0 HONEY MELL 33 O O'Nell 4-7-13 — H Admins 5
16 RHYMING KATE 31 D Crapman 5-7-13. S Desson 11
18 00/ SLIVER SUBAM 466 J Leigh 4-7-13 — P Dathon (7) 17
17 305- BRAMEREN 55 M Pips 4-7-12 — T Williams 16
18 RUBBLE 8 D Chapman 4-7-11 — S Wood (5) 4
5-2 Gothic Ford, 4-1 Irish Passage, 9-2 Evening Stor,

5-2 Gothic Ford, 4-1 Irish Passage, 9-2 Evening Star, Sevens Are Wild, 6-1 Supreme Blues, 10-1 others. Course specialists

TRAINERS: T Barron, 14 winners from 36 namers, 38.9%; C Trister, 4 from 19, 21.1%; J Whenton, 5 from 33, 15.2%; Mrs N Mactauley, 4 from 25, 14.3%, (Only qualifiers).

JOCKEYS: Alex Greeves, 14 winners from 22 rides, 63.6%; S Perks, 7 from 35, 20.0%; P Walsh, 3 from 16, 18.6%; S Wood, 6 from 46, 13.0%; T Quinn, 3 from 25, 10.7%; T Williams, 4 from 38, 10.6%. (Only qualifiers).

1.55 CARLTON-ON-TRENT HANDICAP (3-Y-O: A Colbon 1 8-11 Lizzy Cantle, 11-4 Angiointernationa Brown, 16-1 Exchange Fayre, 20-1 Texas Blue. 2.25 EAKRING CLAIMING STAKES (3-Y-O: £2,364: 1m) (6) 8 00-0 SHARP INVITE 16 J Eustace 8-7 J Carles (3) 3 5-4 Vestige, 7-2 Telegraph Caligiri, 11-2 Latin Leap, di race-wir13-2 Able Rocket, 9-1 Sharp Invite, 12-1 Shanakas. 2.55 DESIGN CONTRACTORS DANETHORPE **MAIDEN STAKES (22,427: 1m 3f) (12)** Dean McKeenn 19

4 00/ GREENHILLS STAR 457 (B) M Ryan 5-8-12 5 Of SRIDGETTS SECURITY 651 Mics G Rose 4-9-9 15-8 Trip To The Moon, 5-2 Bright Sapphire, 9-2 Nipotine, 5-1 Sniggy, 16-1 Eventide, 20-1 Yarli Nogard, 33-1 others.

3.25 BALDERTON HANDICAP (£2,280: 1m 6f) (9) 1 220- ORDER PAPER 12J (S) J S Wilson 5-10-0

7 8-04 MY SWAM SONG 14 (5.6) J Smith 58-13... M Ad 8 0-03 GREY GYPSY 9 P Washiyin 4-8-8 W R 9 046- SRLENT PRINCESS 18J J Henris 4-8-5...... S Daw 11-4 Christmas Holly, 4-1 Silks Domino, 9-2 Gray Gypsy, 5-1 Crystal Park, 6-1 Silent Princess, 8-1 others.

Placepot: £58.50.

Results from yesterday's two meetings 4.10 (1m 6) 1, FIGHTER CORMAND (S Williams, 2-1 fav); 2, Ben (F Murtagh, 6-1); 3, Swift Carriage (B McGilf, 4-1); ALSO RAN: 3 Dungannon, 8 Le Bucheron (4th), 10 Get Suspping (6th), Just Incredible (5th), 14 Bizarre Case, Autumn Gale, 20 Glowing Darkness, 25 Spango Valley, Apple Pip, 33 Ville Teranto, 13 ran. 21, 10; 81, 194, 234. J Glover at Worksop, Totes 22,80; £1.70, £2.10, £1.60. DF: £18.90. CSF: £18.31.

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Going: good to soft Geing: good to soft

1.45 (2m hdle) 1, SECRET FINALE (S

Turner, 6-1); 2, Fathuccine (S O'Donovan,
20-1); 3, Laid Back (J Callaghan, 5-1).
ALSO RAN. 7-2 tav Random Warrior (4th),
5 Snow Bebu (urt), 11-2 Ciondrohid (5th),
12 Lucky Jordon, Milesian Dancer (ur), 25,
The Late Man (6th), 9 ran. %1, 121, 122, 103,
301, J Fort at Brancepeth, Tote: \$7.50;
22.30, \$1.10, \$1.80, Dr. \$121.40, CSF;
288.64.

288.64.

2.15 (3m ch) 1, RADICAL LADY (M. Duyer, 9-4 fav); 2, Dubalea (N. Doughy, 14-1); 3, Super Fountain (B. Storey, 15-2); ALSO RAN 5-2 Rah Cuay (Sth.), Parson's Crose (4th.), 16 Political Prospect (pu), 20 Politicis (pu), 50 Tomony Farmer (pu), 65 Latric (f), 100 Emmadii (f), 10 ran, 104, 104, 11, clast, G. Moore at Middeleam, Tober 92.80; 32.10, 92.00, 21.70, DP: 238.40.

2.46 (7m, 1994) ch) 1, BabSS AM

CSF: 231.40.

2.46 (2m 196yd ch) 1, RAISE AM ARGINEENT (R Supple, 7-2); 2, Cool Strine (M Dwyer, 5-2 tex); 3, Bad Treade (C Grant, 7-2); ALSO RAIS: 3 Centra Attraction (4th), 14 Unex-Plained (6th), 33 Mighty Merk, Brownith Lass (5th), 7 ran. 14, 3, 4, 7, 11, 1, J J O'Nell at Penrith. Total 25.80; 22.60, 22.60. DF: 26.30. CSF: \$11.68. 2.00, 2200, Dr.; 20.30, CSP; 171.50,
3.15 (2m hdie) 1. AMBUSCADE (M
Duyer, 4-1); 2. Cornet (P Niven, 4-1); 3.
Cussion Of Degree (G McCourt, 10-11
tay). ALSO RAN: 4 Procurator (48th, 50
Sootch Double (pu). 5 ran. 12, 21, 61, 6
Moore at Middleham. Total 23.70; 23.50,
21.40 OF 57.20 CSP 218 18.

3.46 (Sm 4f ch) 1, JELUPE (Mr R Sardys-Clarks, 5-1), 2. The Multide (A Orlosy, 4-1), 3, Andrew (C Hawlens, 11-2), ALSO RAM 8-11 fer The Builder (pu) 4 ran. 2%1, 2%1, R Sardys-Clarks at Derlington, Tote, £13.20, DF; £10.60, CSF; £19.67.

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219.67.

A.15 (2m 21 hd8e) 1, INTO THE RED (R
Bellamy, 5-1); 2, On The Hooch (Mr J
Brachburne, 50-1); 3, Scarning Dale (D
Noisen, 10-1); A.S. RANE 5-2 fav Of
Course (Bith), 3 Regal Estata (5th), 8 Dewnt
Blade, 10 Hey Rewiey, 14 Bonder Folly
4th), 16 Monteniot, 20 Royal Invader, 25
Stags Fell, 50 Charliewam, Lothian Cap-

tain, Silly Judge, Who is He, Lecale Lady, Mrs Jenniter, Shlone Anne. 18 ran. NR: Ned. 11, ½1, 31, 21, ½1. C Triedine at Stration-I-on-Avon. Tota: £5.00; £1.10, £9.70, £3.40. DF: £93.00. CSF: £222.70. Placepot: £1,032.20.

Southwell

Geing: standard

1.48 (2m 4 indis) 1, STORMS WARRIOR
(A Juckes, 7-4 in-fav); 2, Sammt Jack (R
Durwoody, 10-1); 3. Threepined (R
Hodge, 5-1). ALSO RAN: 7-4 in-fav
Escribens (5th), 8 Up The Ladder, 10
Elisse-Ess (5th), 3 Warenerey Boy (4th), 50
Polarice, 8 ran. 1½1, 2, 3, 4, 6; 8 Presco
at Tellord. Total: 22.00; 21.10, 21.80,
22.60. DP: 228.20. GSP: 219.35. Tricast
272.67.

2.72.07.
2.10 (2m 4f hdle) 1, VALLANT BOV (Mr P McMehon, 7-4); 2, The Lighter Side (Miss Judy Davies, 6-1); 3, Ardoor (Mr A Wester, 10-11 Zay). ALSO RAN: 16 Mr Presiev (4th), 33 Cionbrock Boy (5th). 5 ren. 15, 15, 10, dist. 5 Kettlewell at Middleham. Totte: 22.90; 21.50, 21.50. DF: 25.40, CSF-210.92.

240 (2m hdie) 1, SAYANT (R Beven, 9-1); 2, Basic Fan (B McGiff, 2-5 fav); 3, Golden Image (S Woods; 14-1). ALSO RANE 5 Dru Rr's Bru Ri (pu), 16 Hidden Beauty, 20 Jim Bridger (4th), Stradey Castis (5th), 35 Donosa (6th), 8 ran, 10, 71, 19, 12, 10t. W Clay et Stoke-On-Trent. Tote: £11.90; £1.50, £1.10, £2.50. DF: £3.10, CSF-£13.58.

23.10, CSF: 213.56.

3.10 (2m holie) 1. CTTV INDEX (R Durwopody 3-1); 2 Anotic Outs (R Father 9-4); 3 Calum Demoer (J A Harris, 12-1); ALSO RAN 7-2 Coss du Bors (401); 4 Bright Septhere (6m); 9 Second Award (5m); 33 Grand Occasion. 50 Royer-Bue Bets 8 ran. 11, 41, 100. 7, 251 N; 5mm at Eventiam. Tote: 26.40; 22.10, 21.80, 22.40. DF: 21.50. CSF: 210.31.

22-0. DF: 21-30. GSF: 210.31.
3.40 (3m hdie) 1, LHCY LASTIC (Diane Cay, 11-2; 2, Rosie Cone (R Garrity, 7-1); 3, Battlepian (M Collins, 4-7 fay). ALSO RAN: 7 Gariton Maissy (5th), 16 Colonel Popsid (4th), 33 Falling Foss (6th). 6 ran. 6, 29-1, 30, 25, 30. W Clay at Stoke-on-trent. Totae 26.90; 22.10, 21.90. DF: 213.50. CSF: 236.31.

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SOUTHWELL: 12.55 Waitzing Weasel. 1.25 Kathesen. 2.55 Reno's Jern.

OFFICIAL SCRATCHINGS: All engagements (dead): Native Ruler, Stormy Reef, Pytichley Prince, What A Line, Midnight Storm, Roman Ruse, Negrly Medine, Gelant Gesture, Emealcle, Madonlain, Cosmic Right, Balanair, Bresk Even.

RESULTS 0898:16 Individual Contra 122 150 149 William HILL LEEDS

Selections By Mandarin 12.55 Silver King. 2.35 Desert Orchid. 3.05 Morley Street. 3.35 The Dragon Master. 1.30 Nodform. 2.05 Calabrese. By Michael Seely 2.05 Calabrese. 2.35 Bishops Yarn. The Times Private Handicapper's top rating: 2.05 KAMEO STYLE. Going: soft (7am inspection) 12.55 RIPLEY HURDLE (4-Y-O: £3,715: 2m) (11 runners) C 4: 104 --105 --106 FORM FOCUS ALDRED beat Beldale Star 2% at Windsor (2m 30yd, good). Unpredictable.

2% 30yd, good). Unpredictable.

2% 41 windsor (2m 30yd, good). Unpredictable.

2% 5 at Windsor (2m 40) and (2m 40) FORM FOCUS COE badly hampered Punching a distance at Newton Abbot (2m 160yd, heavy). MSTER CODY 32 2nd to Badratcheri (witner since) at Window (2m 30yd, good) with LEXDEN a MIRRIFIELD VELLAGE 10 2nd of 11 to Dark Desire at Fortwell (2m 2f, good to soft). SELVER KING VALUET all had good form on the Flat.

Jumped Buently and soon drew clear to beat 1.30 SCILLY ISLES NOVICES CHASE (Listed race: 210,260: 2m 4f -201 F32111 MISTER POINT 38 (C.G.S) (M Bestie) M H Easterby B-11-7 R Starley 72
202 6-01321 NODFORM 14 (D.F.G.S) (H Joel) J Gifford 6-11-4 R Rowe 9 99
203 602905 POWER PUNCH 8 (A Mewson) W Kersp 6-11-0 I Lewrence 52
204 0501032 TURIS HLL 15 (C.S) (B Eacott) R Dickin 8-11-0 S Each 75
205 603,5-39 UNDER OFFER 14 (55) (MS S Douglass Pervannt) P Balley 9-11-0 B de Hean 60
206 065113 BRANDESTON 14 (G.S) (G Hubbard) G Hubbard 5-10-12 D Marphy 65
207 3-P0042 SPIRITED HOLMS 31 (S) (M Berrow) D Williams 5-10-5 R Destanced 98 3.35 ELMBRIDGE HANDICAP CHASE (£6,791: 2m 18yd) (6 runners) BETTING: 4-6 Nodform, 11-4 Mister Point, 10-1 Brandeston, 14-1 Under Offer, 16-1 Tuns Hill, 25-1 birthed Holms, 33-1 Power Punch. 1989: THE BAKEWILL BOY 7-11-6 J Frost (8-1) R Frost 4 ran FORM FOCUS MISTER promise by easily besting Combernage 3 at 2 sections MOGFORM BETTING: 2-1 The Dragon Master, 5-2 The A Train, 3-1 Long Engagement, 6-1 Hypnosis, 33-1 Seventi Out, 66-1 Magic Bay. 4.10 FEBRUARY NOVICES HURDLE (£3,545: 2m) (19 runners) 2.5 TOTE JACKPOT HANDICAP HURDLE (£19,300: 2m 5f 75yd) (14 19 Seption I also include 11 km² o score of 10 score of 10 for 10 BETTING: 5-2 Catabress, 7-2 Kampo Style, 7-1 Cash is King, 8-1 Badhar, 10-1 Amb Marn, 14-1 Trust The Irish, Tebitio, 16-1 Positive, Out Of Range, 20-1 others. 1989: SPECIAL VINTAGE 9-10-12 M Dwyer (20-1) Jimmy Fitzgerald 15 ran FORM FOCUS CALABRESE pensized for his win at
Ascot (3m, good), running on strongly to beet Ryds
Again 3t, peir 10t clear.
CASH IS KING twice successful over fences since
tending a Kampton (2m 41, good) hundle, beating
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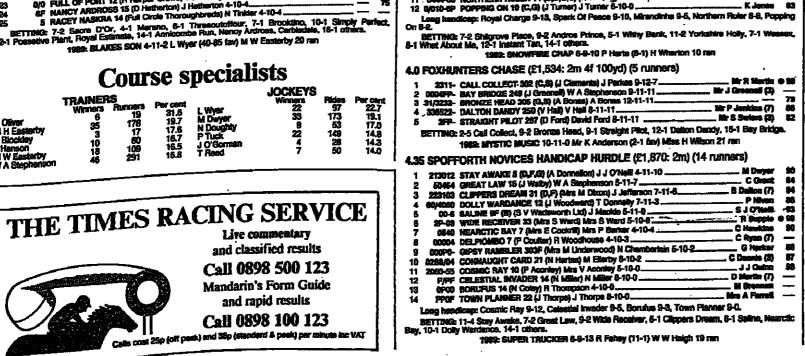
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This immemorial sporting life

has built it up in into a rule of life and verdict of a German visitor to Britain in the 1920s. Sport was responsible for that "peculiarly cheerful and naive philosophy, so elusive and incomprehensible to the foreign observer" that set the

A young French nobleman, the Baron de Coubertin, who was to found the modern Olympic Games, had come to a similar conclusion almost 40 years earlier, in 1886. "The role played by sport," he observed, "is what appears most worthy of notice in English education." Whether such claims were true is probably less important than the fact that they were widely believed to be so. To foreigners, cricket in particu-

lar was a uniquely English and imperial thing quite beyond ordinary understanding. No doubt the robustly ethnocentric British sportsman would have been in-clined to agree let the French have their cycle races, the Germans their gymnastics and leave the Americans to get on with their puerile game of baseball — an offensively commercialized form of an English girls' game.

Such was the British view of other sports on the rare occasion

they gave any thought to what passed for sport beyond the confines of the British Isles and the British Empire. Anglo-Saxon sports were an integral part of the image that the British presented to the world and which outsiders came to associate with Britain.

Public school sport rightly has an important role in any study of British sport since 1800 but is only one part of the story. More compelling to most of the population were the Saturday afternoon matches of the Football League, the most popular and highly organized programme of spectator sport in existence.

Beyond the world of clanking turnstiles and vast stadiums with thousands of men in caps and mufflers were the generations of young boys who kicked their rasand-string footballs around the back lanes and used the lamppost at the street corner as a wicket; then there were the humble club players, who would never play well but still with gusto and delight, enjoying a few pints and a chat with "the lads."

The ordinary participant has been overlooked in the history of sport, which often has been little more than the book of Chronicles or the book of Numbers. Praising records is not enough.

'Modern" sport, according to received wisdom, was invented in the mid-Victorian years — the 1850s to 1880s - and everything that preceded this revolution was "traditional."

A remarkable range of popular games and contests was played and enjoyed in Britain before the advent of modern sports. Each town or village had its ball games, running races and varieties of fighting and animal sports. An observer of early eighteenth-cen-tury London noted that the "more common sort divert themselves at football, wrestling, cudgels, ninepins, shovel-board, cricket, stow-ball, ringing of bells, quoits, pitching the bar, bull and bear baiting, throwing at cocks."

For the most part, there were no national games in the modern sense, although the Cotswold Games, revived by Robert Dover in 1604, attracted huge crowds to watch contests of leaping, shinkicking, wrestling as well as coarsing and jousting. These games survived into the midnineteenth century.

Yet most people still played only among themselves or with a neighbouring parish and had no need of written codes of practice. The young men grew up playing the game in the way their elders had done and in turn passed on these traditions to their children. Deep attachment to the land

and a fierce local patriotism were recreations. Inter-parish fights were commonplace throughout early modern Europe and were usually carefully regulated by custom. Football was often a good way of permitting the youth their violent rituals: the ancient match between the parishes of Saint Peter's and All Saints in Derby at Shrovetide is a case in point Solidarity may have existed within villages, but peace rarely prevailed between them.

Throwing at cocks was a favourite sport on Shrove Tuesday. The bird was tethered by a string a few feet long and passers-by paid to throw stones or sticks at what was a living coconut shy. The bird would dodge as best it could until finally killed and carried off by the thrower that finished it off.

Cock fighting was even more popular. Schoolboys traditionally brought their cocks to school on Shrove Tuesday to match them. All large towns had cocknits and Pepys went to one in London in 1663 and found "the poorest prentices, bakers, brewers, butchers, draymen and whatnot . . . all fellows one with another swearing, cursing and betting." In eigh-teenth-century Newcastle, in spite of the high admission charges, cockpits were always crowded by 'eager and interested pit men"

The genesis of sport is more than the book of numbers or the chronicles of the mighty. In this historical perspective, Richard Holt gives the ordinary participant his due

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and there were at least seven cockpits in the city in 1800.

Bull baiting, too, was common. There was a general belief that a bull needed to be baited to improve the meat before slaughter and certain by-laws actually required this to be done. The buildog thick-set with short legs and powerful jaws, would try to crawl under the bull "to seize him by the muzzle, the dewlap or the pendant glands."

The bull would try to toss the dog with its horns while the owner ran around trying to break its fall with a pole or even catch the dog on his own back. If the dog succeeded in getting a hold it clung on to the rearing and kicking bull and "to all appearance put him to great pain. In the end, either the dog tears out the piece he has laid hold on, and falls, or else remains fixed to him with an obstinacy that would never end if they did not pull him off".

Enthusiasm for the characteristics of the buildog was such that it became a national symbol. Bulls were not only baited, they were also let loose in the streets of the town and goaded with sticks in a frantic melée of chasing and dodging. By the standards of our day, the level of violence tolerated was remarkable, whether we look at contests between beasts or between men.

Fighting was probably the most popular individual sport. Amongst the pit lads, boxing was considered a manly exercise and a favourite amusement and I believe I counted no less than 17 battles which I reluctantly had to fight before I was able to attain a position of respect," recalled William Fairbairn of Northshields in 1803. And at Pudsey in Yorkshire in the 1820s men would fight "until almost exhausted and sometimes women might be seen helping to form rings and shouting encouraging words to the

combatants." Women were also willing to fight. William Hickey observed two women "engaged in a scratching and boxing match, their faces entirely covered with blood, bosoms bare and the clothes nearly torn from their bodies" near Drury Lane in the eighteenth

However, it is misleading to think of fighting merely as primitive or atavistic. The realm of physical combat witnessed some

of the first moves towards organized and commercialized sport. There was a distinct "commercialization" of leisure in the eighteenth century. Horse racing and cricket were the main beneficiaries of a changing cultural climate. But "pugilism" was one of the first to have a written code of rules and a kind of national championship informally run by a coterie of sporting aristocrats.

Rules were laid down in 1743 by Jack Broughton after an opponent of his had died as a result of a fight. With revisions, the Broughton rules regulated prize-fighting until the last great prize-fight held in England in 1860 between Sayers and Heenan. The regulations against "hitting a man when he is down", the right to half a minute's rest after going down and the ban on "hitting below the belt" were only loosely enforced — a deal of what we would now call wrestling went on - and designed less to protect the combatants and preserve "civilized standards" than

gered. In 1750 the Duke of Cumberbacked land Broughton for £10,000. After getting several blows to the eye, he called out pitifully to his angry backer: "I can't see my man, your Highness, I am blind but not beat. Only place me before him and he shall not gain the day yet."

Prize-fighting was patronized by the highest in the land. In 1786 it was said there were wagers of up to £40,000, with the Duke of York and the Prince of Wales among the biggest gamblers. The nobility often provided private ground safe from the magistrates — the law regarded the sport primarily as a disorderly assembly.

Another spectacle that attracted a good deal of popular support and elite patronage was rowing. The demise of professional rowing came as a result of the prestige of the public schools, university and Henley events, and the declining economic importance of the watermen themselves; this had led to rowing being overlooked, although it was a major sporting amusement, especially on the Thames and the Tyne, from the early eighteenth until the midnineteenth century.

Rowing can claim the oldest

surviving fixture in the sporting calendar named after an Irish actor and impresario, Thomas Doggett, whose Coat and Badge became the leading event for young watermen just out of their apprenticeship. Doggett's Coat and Badge was only one of a number of challenge events ea-gerly watched from the riverbanks by crowds that often ran into

The earliest record of a festival of rowing, or a regatta, is 1786 at Walton and it seems as if these may have attracted some "amateurs" - men who did not earn their living as watermen. By the end of the century there were at least three amateur clubs, the Star, the Arrow and the Shark, which may have combined to form the oldest and most exclusive of modern rowing clubs, the Leander, in the early nineteenth

Rowing success on Tyneside was quite phenomenal. Geordie rowers like Harry Clasper were idolized by miners and keelmen alike. Crowds were estimated to run into many tens of thousands for big challenge matches on public holidays. When Clasper died, his funeral was held on a Sunday "to meet the convenience of numerous bodies of working men" and crowds of between 100,000 and 130,000 lined the streets to witness the largest funeral vet held in Newcastle

If the popular success of rowing has been forgotten, there is no mistaking the triumph of horse racing. It was transformed from a casual wager between noblemen to perhaps the most highly organized of all sports, regulated by Weatherbys Calendar listing a wide range of meetings well in

The formation of the Jockey Club in 1752 combined to strike a new commercial and bureaucratic note, albeit under strict aris-tocratic control. The establish-ment of the classic races — the St Leger in 1776, the Oaks in 1779 and the Derby in 1780 - provided the framework of modern racing, although it is important to remember courses were not enclosed and gate money could not be charged. Until the railway permitted horses to be moved from meeting to meeting easily most were quite small, annual events held in midweek and dominated by the gentry. As late as 1840, only 17 of

137 racecourses held more than one meeting a year.

The Derby provides the single most intriguing mixture of ancient festivity and sporting innovation. Despite the efforts of the Jockey Club to regulate the event, it soon became the excuse for a mass exodus from London, Derby Day saw up to 100,000 congregate on the Downs. "The road to Epsom was crowded with all descriptions of people hurrying to the races," remarked The Times in 1793, "some to plunder and some to be plundered. Horses, gigs, curricles, coaches, chaises, carts and pedestrians covered with dust crowded the Downs, the people running down and jostling each other as they met in contact." Stories of trips to Epsom and drunken return journeys were part of Cockney folklore.

In fact, the mass of punters quoted did not bet on the race at all. They knew little or nothing about the form of the horses, which in any case were often impeded by dogs or spectators during the race itself as there was no properly fenced-off course. So the Derby was partly a "fair" of the ancient kind and partly a modern spectacle.

A corpus of professional jockeys had come into being as part of the new division of labour between owners, trainers, riders and officials. The most famous was Sam Chiffney, who rode for the Prince of Wales, and was eventually warned off for allegedly holding back a royal mount in order to lengthen the odds — with the strong presumption of connivance by the heir to the throne himself. This happened in 1791 at Newmarket, which came to be established as the centre of the new racing world, holding seven meetings a year, each lasting several days and attracting the elite of owners and racegoers to the 2,000 Guineas from 1809 and the 1,000 Guineas for fillies from

Flat racing was now a sprint for highly bred young horses, nor-mally two-year-olds, over a mile or so instead of longer races of four miles or more, as had been the fashion. Younger horses and shorter distances made for a less predictable result and better gambling. Alongside Flat racing a vigorous winter programme of steeplechasing grew up as huntsmen bred ever faster hunters to

follow the fox. In 1836 a Grand Liverpool Steeplechase was held at Aintree and this race, renamed the Grand National in 1847, with its terrifying jumps soon became a

new national institution. A Steeplechase Calendar was published by the National Hunt Committee from 1867 and these events were supplemented by races run by individual hunts from the 1870s onwards — pointto-points - of which there were around 50 by 1900, including races for the Stock Exchange and the Bar members who kept

hunters. The first regular references to cricket matches appear after the Restoration. As with pugilism and horse racing, cricket seems to have been dominated by the nobility, who organized teams to play for agers that sometimes were very large indeed. While hunting and shooting remained the single most important of aristocratic pursuits, this "leisure class" increasingly had the chance to indulge other sporting interests. Cricket was the first team game in which the upper classes were expected to exert themselves without the aid of a

The first written rules of cricket were drawn up by the Duke of Richmond in 1727 for the purpose of determining the conduct and outcome of country house games where a good deal of money might be at stake. These games stimulated the formation of more permanent teams and the emerence of the "club" composed of similarly inclined individuals.

The early pattern seems to have been for a great lord to act as patron to a village side, which mixed gentlemen and talented locals. The team from the village of Shindon, run by the Duke of Richmond, may have been the first such club, and drew large crowds for its games against the Gentlemen of London" in the 1740s.

Although the ball was rolled underarm and the range of strokes played was restricted, there is no doubting the popularity of cricket as an early specialor sport. Around 10,000 were thought to have attended the Arullery Ground, Finsbury, for a match in

The most famous of these country cricket clubs was the Hambledon Club in Hampshire. which was founded around the

Ball Inn overlooking "Broad Halfpenny," the village green where the game was played. Hambledon took on the best sides in the country and the lack of modern transport does not seem to have stopped large crowds from

assembling.

Sport was being caught up in a subtle and diffuse cultural shift—a host of changes that we now call "decent behaviour." Puritanism took issue with the playing of games on Sundays, with the cruelty of some animal sports and with the idleness, drinking and profanity generally associated with sport and the alchouse.

The nobility was prohibited from duelling but the sharpest and most sustained attack on traditional sports was focused on the baiting and killing of tethered animals. "Throwing at cocks" was also banned, although bull baiting and bull running continued for a time despite 11 Bills to outlaw them being presented to Par-liament between 1800 and 1835.

Hostility to street football was shared widely in the business community. Kingston town coun-cil urged that Shrove Tuesday football be moved from the city centre in 1840, complaining "It is not a trifling consideration that a suspension of business for nearly two days should be created to the inhabitants for the mere gratification of a sport at once useless and barbarous" ... and the Derby council had to get the support of the army to outlaw their infamous

he "fanaticism" of the nineteenth as the "civilizing process" began, at first with the social elite and then slowly throughout society. By and large, the rich came to prefer shooting to hunting; if the golden age of fox-hunting was the first half of the nineteenth century, the shooting of large numbers of carefully preserved gamebirds such as grouse, pheasant and partridge, with ever more accurate and powerful firearms was the passion of late Victorian and Edwardian England.

Huntsmen were losing the long battle over the shooting of foxes and the putting up of fences, Access to shooting came through intimate networks of friendship and influence or through great

caught up in the drive for exclusivity and the intrusion of market forces into elite amusements. The peaceful world of the country angler was coming under pressure. By the 1890s, it was costing £100 or more to fish the classic chalk streams like the Itchen or the Test. And at public school young men

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learnt the new team games of rugby and football. They played cricket and went rowing fi seriously than before: field sports came to be more closely associated with the middle-aged and even in this age group the growth of golf could offer a walk mond a manicured country estate without requiring the destruction of anything but one's self-esteem.

Links between old and new ways of playing occur and recur but knur-and-spell - popular in the north of England - is perhaps one of the most remarkable examples of survival. The name comes from know, a Teutonic term meaning a knot of wood; "spell" probably derives from the Old Norse spill, meaning a game; and Norsemen apparently played a game called nurspel.

The game involved a player hitting the "knur," a small ball rather like a large marble, with a special bat. In Lancashire the ball was suspended from a gallows-like contraption while in Yorkshire it was flipped into the air from a spring-loaded trap. In each case the object was the same: to hit the object as far as possible.

Contests of 25 or so "wallops" or "rises" were held between two players or "laikers" who would often wager on the outcome. The sport always attracted spectators. In 1826, on Woodhouse Moor in Yorkshire, a match for 40 guineas was held over 40 rises and large crowds continued to flock to the moors around Sheffield, Barnsley, Coine and Rotherham. There were all kinds of little tricks to help drive the spell distances of 200 yards or more, but the essence of the thing was simple enough —
Tha clouts it as far down t'meader as tha can, 'cause foithest wins, tha sees. And if it come to a moutch [dispute] then tha mea-sures from t'pin wi' a squeer chain."

New and old sports sometimes happily coexisted - a point that can all too easily be overlooked by and precise distinction between traditional and modern forms. Jerry Dawson, who was born in 1888 near Burnley, combined playing football as goalkeeper for Burnley from 1906 to 1929, winning a Cup-winners' medal and an England cap, with being a champion at knur-and-spell.

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YACHTING: BETTER TACTICS WILL NOT BE ENOUGH TO CATCH THE LEADER ON A FOURTH STAGE FRAUGHT WITH PERIL

<u>THE TIMES SATURDAY FEBRUARY 3 1990</u>

Mrs Justice Booth so stated when giving judgment in open court at Swansea following a Family Division chambers h ing of a wife's application for financial provision and offering guidance, with the concurrence of Sir Stephen Brown, President of the Family Division, to family law practitioners in the preparation of substantial an-

MRS JUSTICE BOOTH said that the wife sought a clean financial break from the hushand and periodical payments for the two children of the family who lived with her.

The matter had caused her Ladyship much anxiety because of the amount of the costs which had been incurred when com-pared with the assets available to meet the needs of the parties.

Round the Horn with Lady Luck

has been reporting for The Times on the Whitbread Round the World Race, looks ahead to the fourth stage

After a month in port, Rothmans and her crew are eager to go on what promises to be the toughest stage of the Whitbread Round the World Race. We set out from Auckland tomorrow bound for Cape Horn with one object to win this 6,255-mile stage to Punta del Este, Uruguay, and close the gap on Steinlager 2.

our leading rival.

Apart from the first stage of this race down the Atlantic, when Fisher & Paykel lost her mizen-mast and a split opened up across the deck of Rothmans, the racing has been remarkably close, with only minutes separating the first four yachts. Grant Dalton's third-placed

Fisher & Paykel, which holds a 31/2-hour advantage over us. and the Swiss maxi, Merit, in second position a further 20 our sights. Peter Blake's Steinlager 2, which leads us by one day and 14 hours, presents us with the toughest challenge.
The New Zealand fractionally rigged ketch, which carries 20 per cent more sail

area than our sloop, has proved half a knot faster in the edominantly offwind conditions met so far. Only when running before a heavy gale and the weather charts promise a great deal of that during the run to the Horn - do yachts like Rothmans and Merit hold an advantage over the New Zealand ketches. We proved that during the

second stage of the race through the Southern Ocean when we averaged 19.9 knots during one memorable six-hour blast, and regularly took 40 miles a day out of Blake and his boys and 30 out of Fisher & Paykel when the going got really tough.

What stopped us breaking
the elusive 400-mile-a-day

barrier has been the continual round of breakages that have plagued all the yachts with the exception of Steinlager. If it was not the spinnaker pole was not the spinnaker pole contact the snapping, it was the main

boom cracking or the spinna- come soon after the start radar, adding a dangerous ker guy shaking free from the tomorrow. A high-pressure dimension to surfing at 30 end of the pole, invariably in system hovering directly knots through freezing, fog-



the dead of night, that continually stopped us in our tracks. All that, we hope, is behind us. The main boom, which has cracked twice under the strain of broaching, has been rebuilt by a third set of experts during the stop-over in New Zealand. The spinnaker poles have been replaced by stronger sectioned spars and we will be carrying a third below decks as an added precaution. We have also put bolts through the pole end fittings to stop the jaws

spinnaker control lines. Our only chance of making up lost time is to push ourselves and the boat to the limits. We are going into this leg to win and, the way the crew is fired up, we will do it if Lady Luck decides to ride with us for once. We know it is going to take more than better

from opening at inappropriate

times and throwing off the

But luck, or the lack of it, has a habit of levelling itself out on a race of this length and we are ready to take advantage

THE WORLD RACE

above the North Island of shrouded seas, so we must New Zealand is expected to maintain a constant vigil. present the fleet with light airs for the first few days. The big question is whether to sail along the shortest rhumb-line course towards the Chatham Islands at seven knots, or take a slower, longer course due south in the expectation of hitting the Roaring Forties

Whoever is first to break clear of the high will most likely steal a significant advantage. Down in the Southern Ocean, we will be racing well inside the ice limits. During the second stage of this race, the icebergs The first lucky break could did not always show up on

From the experience of past Whitbread races, we could also meet anything from rag-ing tempest to flat calm at Cape Horn. The books talk of full gales most days and storms that build up to hurricane strength for three days

every three months.

Flat seas at this narrow, deep divide between the greygreen waters of the Pacific and would certainly prove something of an anti-climax, but I notorious corner of the world in its most angry state either. If there is any choice over when Lady Luck steps aboard Rothmans, perhaps it should be at the Horn.

Pushing the boat to the limit: Rothmans has a lot of lost time to make up if she is going to overhaul Blake's Steinlager 2

All 23 survivors a tribute to the fleet

ping down and rebuilding their yachts, the 23 crews competing in the Whitbread Round the World Race set out from Auckland at 1pm tomorrow (mid-night GMT) bound for Cape Horn on the fourth stage of the

33,000-mile contest.
Steinlager 2, the New Zealand ketch, holds a 15-hour lead over Pierre Fehlmann's Swiss maxi, Merit, at this halfway stage, with the second New Zealand ketch, Fisher & Paykel, skippered by Grant Dalton, fighting off Rothmans in third place. After 19,000 miles which have

seen one life lost, five other man-overboard incidents, three with whales, it is a tribute to the fleet that all 23 starters remain. Charles Jourdan, the French acht, which collided with a race against time to replace the three-metre-long crumpled area of hull with a new carbonfibre

deadline is Ludde Ingval's crew on UBF Finland, who have repaired the mast of the sloop after it broke in half. Cracks in

after it broke in half. Cracks in the mast of Tracy Edwards's all-women cutry, Maiden, have also been repaired.

With icebergs floating as high as 50 south, this leg is not for the fainthearted. The first yachts should reach Cape Horn on February 19.

Reformed James will compete against his idol

Unless riding either of his Wattana. The winner will remotorcycles, both capable of ceive £70,000. speeds around 200 mph, or cracking home snooker balls at similar velocity. Steve James appears to be laid back to the point of somnambulance.

The West Midlander engaged overdrive to such effect last month, however, that he beat both the world No. 2, John Parrott, and the world chambian Stand During the world chambian Stand During the world the wo pion, Steve Davis, en route to winning his first important title, the Mercantile Credit Classic in Blackpool, and has no imention

Tomorrow morning, at the unthinkable hour of 10.0am in snooker terms, James engages Alex Higgins, a wild card entry this year, on his debut in the Benson and Hedges Masters at Wembley. The tournament features the world's top 16 players and for the first time two wild cards, Higgins and James

before in tournament play but it was not so long ago that he could barely face himself in the mornings. "Such an early morning start is no problem now," he said. "I've stopped all the latenight drinking I used to do.

"Alex was an ido! of mine and we get on very well. Even though it is such an early start, because of Alex I think we'll still

"I'm practising harder than ever because having won one big tournament I know how im-Taylor meet in the first round proper and in the evening Parrott, the European Open champion, plays the British-Open champion, Tony Meo.

STUDENT SPORT

Bristol happy in a wandering role

The logistics of travel are beginning to suit Bristol University.
Last week, their men's hockey and rugby union teams won away to reach the quarter-finals of the Commercial Union UAU charmonestics. championships, and on Wednesday, the two sides achieved the biggest surprises of the round as guests.

The hockey team beat Birmingham, the holders, 1-0. Defending well in a tight game, Bristol took the lead 15 minutes into the second half through Will Scarlett's tap-in,

Although the squad is weaker than last year, when they went out to Birmingham at the same stage, Stuart Blan, the Bristol captain, feels that teamwork has improved, particularly in de-fence and at short corners. His side travels to Loughborough, who needed sudden-death pen-alty strokes to beat Durkam after drawing 2-2 in normal

The journey to Newcastle failed to upset Bristol's rugby players, who scored a flurry of points late on to beat their hosts, against expectations, 21-11. Bristol's only hiccup was a 7-1 defeat, again away, to the women's hockey champions, Loughborough, for whom Clare Slater and Karen Willis scored two goals each. Loughborough achieved a unique feat when all five of their hockey teams —

In the football championship there was a repeat of last year's final, between Loughborough and Birmingham. First-half goals by Howarth and Reddin, and a third by Skivington, earned Loughborough a home semi-final against Leeds. Paul Redman scored three goals for the letter in their 40 court of

East Anglia, Kent, two goals down after 15 minutes at Nottingham, rallied well to win 3-2 and reach the other semi-final. Hamilton headed in before half-time, then Taylor equalized early in the second half. The winner, from a penalty by Bradley, came 10 minutes from the end.

play Newcastle in the semi-final. The other match will be between The other match will be between Nottingham and Loughborough: Nottingham upset Loughborough's winning streak earlier in the Reason by beating them in the qualifying rounds. RESULTS: Footbelt: Nottingham 2, Kent St. Loughborough 3, Ehraingham 0; Leeds 4, UEA 0. Postponed: Expiry v Sheffield. Rugby Uslor: Newcastle 11, Bristol 21; Cardiff 36, Durham 0. Postponed: Brunsi v Swanses; Exster v Loughborough 2 (ast: Loughborough 2 (ast: Loughborough 2, Bristol 1; Friend 2); Swanses 3; Sheffield 1, UCL 0. Women: Loughborough 7, Bristol 1; Durham 1, Brinningham 6; Leeds 3, UEA 2. Postponed: Surrey v Swanses Methell Nothingham 33, Euster 28; Livetpool 26, Loughborough 7, Bristol 1; Durham 1, Brinningham 6; Leeds 3, UEA 2. Postponed: Surrey v Swanses Methellt Nothingham 5; Leuter 28; Livetpool 26, Loughborough 47; Bristol 1; Carobborough 48; Bristol 28; Brist

Court of Appeal

ceived by the nurse.
The Court of Appeal so held

Queen's Bench Divisional Court (Lord Justice Stuart-Smith and Mr Justice

Smith and Mr Justice Schiemann) of her application for judicial review of a decision by the United Kingdom Central Council for Nursing, Midwifery and Health Visiting that her registration as a nurse had cessed to be effective and that

she should pay a renewal fee in respect of her registration.
Section 7 of the 1978 Act
provides: "Where an Act au-

thorizes or requires any docu-ment to be served by post (whether the expression serve)

or the expression 'give' or 'send' or any other expression is used) then, unless the contrary inten-

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Court of Appeal

Service invalid through postal failure

Regina v United Kingdom Central Council for Nursing, Midwifery and Health Visiting, Ex parte Bailey Before Lord Justice Dillon, Lord Justice Ralph Gibson and Lord Justice Farquharson [Judgment January 26]

A notice posted to a nurse A notice posted to a nurse concerning renewal of her registration fee was not properly served for the purpose of the relevant statutory provisions because section 7 of the Interpretation Act 1978, as judicially interpreted, applied to the case and the notice was never received by the purse. for the council. LORD JUSTICE DILLON said that the first issue in the

appeal was whether the nurse, who was registered with the General Nursing Council for England and Wales (and in in a reserved judgment allowing in part an appeal by Susan Bailey, a nurse, from the dismissal on March 13, 1989 by the accordance with the rules then paid one registration fee for life) before the reorganization of nursing bodies wrought by the Nurses, Midwives and Health Visitors Act 1979 came into effect, could be required on the basis of various legislative pro-visions to pay periodic renewal fees after 1986.

His Lordship considered the

erly addressing, pre-paying and posting a letter containing the document and, unless the conordinary course of post."

provisions and would hold that she could be so required.

The second issue was whether the nurse was given proper notice in accordance with rule 9 of the Nurses, Midwives and Health Visitors (Periodic Health Visitors (Periodic

tion appears, the service is deemed to be effected by proptrary is proved, to have been effected at the time at which the letter would be delivered in the

Mr John M. Bowyer for the nurse; Mr Anthony Scrivener, QC and Mr Thomas Baxendale

Registration) Amendment (No 2) Rules (SI 1986 No 2294) and hence whether the council's decision that her registration had ceased to be effective was

Rule 9(4) provided that the council's registrar "shall, not less than 45 days before the end of the current registration per-iod ... send to the registered address of each registered per-son a written notice informing her" of the fee for the next period, and that if that fee was not paid the nurse's registration would cease to be effective.

Rule 9(6) provided that the registrar "shall give not less than 45 days notice" of the date by which payment of the renewal

It was common ground that
(a) the council had correctly addressed, stamped and posted a letter to the nurse containing the requisite notice and (b) the nurse (as she was in a position to prove) had never received it. In R v County of London

Quarter Sessions Appeals Committee, Expante Rossi (1956) 1
QB 682, 700), Lord Justice
Parker said that under the first part of (what was now) section 7 of the 1978 Act a document which was dispatched in the manner laid down was deemed to have been served.

However, if under the legislation in question the document had to be received by a certain time, the second part of section 7 came into play, and if "the contrary [was] proved", that is, it was proved that the document was not received by that time or at all, service was not deemed. On the proper construction of

rule 9(4) and (6), the registrar's notice had to be received at least 45 days before the day fixed for payment of the renewal fee.

The second part of section 7 therefore, had to be considered, and, as the nurse never received the notice, the council must fail on the second issue.

His Lordship did not accept Mr Scrivener's alternative submission that on a true apprecia-tion of Rossi it was only necessary to show receipt or deemed receipt by the addressee if non-receipt would have serious consequences for the addressee, because, inter alia, no such qualification was to be

found in section 7.

In any event the consequences for the nurse — that
she would in effect lose her professional qualification were important.

Lord Justice Ralph Gibson delivered a concurring

LORD JUSTICE FAR-QUHARSON, also concurring, said that one could sympathize with the council since over a million notices had to be given or sent. If the statute had contained a provision that service was deemed to be effective by posting a pre-paid letter the result might have been different, but in the event the matter was governed by section 7. Solicitors: Mr S. J. Lorber, Holloway; Winckworth &

Regina v Khan Regina v Dhokia Regina v Banga Regina v Faiz

Before Lord Justice Russell, Mr Justice Rose and Mr Justice Morland

[Judgment January 26] An offence of attempted rape was committed when the defendant was reckless as to the woman's consent to sexual

intercourse.

The requisite intent of the defendant was precisely the same in that offence as in rape and the mens rea was identical

and the mens rea was identical, namely an intention to have intercourse plus a knowledge of or recklessness as to the woman's absence of consent.

The Court of Appeal so held when dismissing the appeals of Mohammed Iqbal Khan, Mahesh Dhokia, Jaswinder Singh Banga and Navaid Faiz, against their convictions on July 24, 1987 at the Central Criminal against their convictions on July
24, 1987 at the Central Criminal
Court (Judge Rant, QC and a
jury) of the attempted rape of a
girl aged 16.
The appeals of Kahn, who
was aged 18 on conviction, and

Faiz, aged 20, against sentences of five and seven years youth custody respectively were dismissed. dismissed.

The appeals of Dhokia, aged 18 on conviction, and Banga, aged 19, against sentence were allowed. Dohkia's sentence of

nine years youth custody was reduced to seven years and Banga's sentence of seven years was reduced to five years. Section 1 of the Sexual Of-fences (Amendment) Act 1976

"(1) For the purpose of section 1 of the Sexual Offences Act 1956 (which relates to rape) a man commits rape if -(a) he has unlawful sexual intercourse with a woman who at the time of

(1) If, with intent to commit an offence to which this section applies [which includes rape], a person does an act which is more than merely preparatory to the commission of the of-fence, he is guilty of atttempting to commit the offence."

Mr Howard Shaw, assigned by the Registrar of Criminal Appeals, for Khan; Mr Peter Corrigan, assigned by the Reg-istrar of Criminal Appeals, for Dhokia; Mr Michael West, QC and Miss Indira Ramsahoye and Miss Indira Ramsanoye (neither of whom appeared be-low) for Banga; Mr William Boyce (who did not appear below), assigned by the Reg-istrar of Criminal Appeals, for Fair, Mr Michael Austin-Smith for the Crown.

LORD JUSTICE RUSSELL, delivering the reserved judg-ment of the court, said that the prosecution case was that on March 19, 1986 the girl met and

Dhokia at a day-time disco-

Dhokia and four other youths in a motor car which was driven to a motor car which was driven to an address in Uxbridge where the occupants of the car, who included Faiz and Khan as well as Dhokia, were joined by others, including Banga. Inside the house Dhokia, without success, attempted to have sexual intercourse with the girl. He was followed by others. Three youths succeeded in

Three youths succeeded in having sexual intercourse, three others, the remaining appellants, attempted to have sexual intercourse but failed. The girl did not consent to any sexual activity in the house. After her ordeal she left and travelled to a failed, house where the reads.

friend's house where she made a The judge, in directing the jury on the offence of rape, said that if they decided that the girl had not consented, the next question was whether the defen-dant in question knew that she was not consenting.

If they were unsure on that they had to go on to ask whether he was reckless as to whether she was consenting or not, and "reckless" in that context could be simply defined as the state of mind of the particular defendant that he could not care less either way whether she consented or

Dealing with the charges of attempted rape, the judge told the jury that the principles relevant to consent applied in exactly the same way.

It was submitted that that amounted to a material misdirection, for it was argued that recklessness, as a state of mind on the part of the offender, had no place in the offence of attempted rape. The impact of the words of

particular the words "with in-tent to commit an offence" had been the subject matter of much debate among distinguished cademic writers.

In "The Problem of Reckless
Attempts" ([1983] Crim LR
365), Professor Glanville Williams advanced the argument
that recklessness could exist within the concept of attempt and support was derived from R v Pigg ([1982] 1 WLR 762, albeit that authority was concerned with the law prior to the 1981

approval from Smith and Hogan, Criminal Law (6th edition (1988) 287-289).
Contrary views, however, had been expressed by Professor Griew and Mr Richard Buxton, QC, who had both contended that the words "with intent to commit an offence" involved an

intent as to every element constituting the crime. Finally, their Lordships had regard to the observations of Lord Justice Mustill in R v Millard and Vernon (unreported, December 10, 1986, CA) where, in relation to the nce of attempted rape, the

question was posed: "Must the prosecution prove not only that the defendant intended the act, but also that he intended it to be non-consensual? Or should the jury be directed to consider two different states of mind, intent as to the act and recklessness as to

In their Lordships' judgment an acceptable analysis of the offence of rape was as follows: 1 The intention of the offender was to have bexual intercourse 2 The offence was committed if

the circumstances?

but only if the circumstances were that: (a) the woman did not consent and (b) the defendant knew that she was not consenting or was reckless as to whether she consented.

Precisely the same analysis could be made of the offence of attempted rape.

The only difference between the two offences was that in rape sexual intercourse took place whereas in attempted rape it did not, although there had to be some act which was more than preparatory to sexual

Considered in that way the intent of the defendant was intent of the defendant was precisely the same in rape and in attempted rape and the mens rea was identical, namely an intention to have intercourse plus a knowledge of or recklessness as to the woman's absence of

No question of attempting to achieve a reckless state of mind southall, for arose; the attempt related to the tral Courts.

Intent in attempted rape physical activity; the mental state of the defendant was the

A man did not recklessly have sexual intercourse, nor did he recklessly attempt it. Reckless-ness in rape and attempted rape arose not in relation to the physical act of the accused but only in his state of mind when engaged in the activity of having or attempting to have sexual intercourse.

intercourse. If that was the true analysis. the attempt did not require any different intention on the part of offence of rape.

Their Lordships believed that to be a desirable result which in to be a destratole result which in the instant case did not require the jury to be burdened with different directions as to the accused's state of mind, depen-dent upon whether the individ-ual achieved or failed to achieve

Their Lordships recognized that their reasoning could not apply to all offences and all attempts. Where, for example, as in causing death by reckless driving or reckless arson no state of mind other than recklessness was involved in the offence, there could be no

offence, there could be no attempt to commit it.

In their Lordships' judgment the words "with intent to commit an offence" in section 1 of the 1981 Act meant, when applied to rape, "with intent to have sexual intercourse with a woman in circumstances where she does not consent and the defendant knows or could not care less about her absence of

consent".

The only "intent", giving that word its natural and ordinary meaning, of the rapist was to have exceed intercourse. He have sexual intercourse. He committed the offence because of the circumstances in which he manifested that intent, that is, when the woman was not consenting and he either knew it or could not care less about the

Accordingly, in their Lord-ships' view, the judge was right to give the directions that he did when inviting the jury to con-sider the charges of attempted

Southall, for Banga; CPS, Cen-

After-acquired assets accountable

An inherited property acquired by a wife several years after the breakdown of her marriage was properly to be taken into ac-count by the court in deciding what financial provision she was entitled to out of the capital assets of the marriage.

The Court of Appeal (Lord Justice Butler-Sloss and Lord Justice Nourse) so stated on January 23 in dismissing an appeal by Mrs Ursula Schuller ng the reserved judg-ithe court, said that the tion case was that on 9, 1986 the girl met and with the appellant 15, 1989 had upheld a registrar's

Justice recurse) so stated on Indianissing an The husband, who was re-tired, remained living in the matrimonial home that was valued at £127,500. There had been a divorce in 1987.

order that she should receive £8,500 from her former husband. LORD JUSTICE BUTLER-

SLOSS said that the wife had left in 1977 after 21 years of marriage. She had gone to work for an elderly man and on his death she had inherited his £130,000 flat and £4,000 from his estate. She now worked as a nursing assistant.

The registrar's approach had been to add up the value of all the assets and then to make an adjustment to achieve parity: he thus arrived at a hump sum payment to the wife that was equal to some 6 per cent of the value of the matrimonial home. In so doing the registrar was within the ambit of Lord Justice

Ormrod's observations regarding "after-acquired assets" in Pearce v Pearce ([1980] FLR 261, 267).

It followed that Judge Colston had not erred in upholding the registrar's order.

cillary relief cases. Mr Rameswar Singh for the wife, Mr Martin Pointer for the necessary it should be confined to matters answering a serious

The husband's costs amounted to £35,000 and the wife's to £25,000. The available assets consisted of two properties, both subject to mort-gages, which were the homes of the respective parties, and the husband's shareholding in a small company which provided his livelihood and that of the ons avenuous and mar or the children and would not be sold in the foresceable future. The wife was legally aided and had no independent means. Her Ladyship issued some

1 Affidavit evidence should be confined to relevant facts and should not be prolix or diffuse.
Each party should file one substantive affidavit dealing with matters to which the court should have regard under section 25 of the Matrimonial Causes Act, 1973, as substituted by section 3 of the Matrimonial and Family Proceedings Act 1984, and matters which were material to the application. If any further affidavit was

to matters answering a sections allegation made by the other party dealing with any serious issue raised or setting out any material change of material change circumstances. 2 inquiries made under rule 77
of the Matrimonial Causes
Rules (SI 1977 No 344 (L6))
should, as far as possible, be
contained in one comprehen-2 Inquiries made under rule 77

Concern over heavy family legal costs not be made piecemeal.

3 Wherever possible valuations of properties should be obtained

9 In a substantial case it might from a valuer jointly instructed by both parties. Where each party instructed a valuer then reports should be exchanged and the valuers should meet in an attempt to resolve

differences.

4 While it might be necessary to obtain a broad assessment of the value of a shareholding in a private company it was inappro-priate to undertake an expensive and meaningless exercise to achieve a precise valuation of a private company which would not be sold (P v P (The Times February 3, 1989)). 5 Professional witnesses should

be careful to avoid a partisan

approach and should maintain professional standards. Care should be taken in deciding what evidence, other than professional evidence, should be adduced and emotive issues which were not material should be avoided. Where affidavit evidence was filed deponents had to be available for cross-examination on notice from the other side.

7 Duplication of documents should be avoided. Both solic-

ings clients should be kept informed by solicitors and counsel of the costs incurred and they should ensure that legally aided clients understood the implications of the legal aid charge. The court required an estimate of the approximate amount of costs on each side before a lump sum award could be made. 11 The desirability of reaching a settlement should be borne in

avanage to the court.

9 In a substantial case it might be desirable to have a pre-trial review to explore the possibility of settlement and to define the issues if settlement could not be reached to ensure readiness for bearing.

hearing. 10 At all stages of the proceed-

mind throughout the proceed-ings. While it was necessary for legal advisers to have sufficient knowledge of the financial situation of both parties before advising a client on a proposed settlement, the necessity to make further inquiries had to be balanced by a consideration of what those inquiries might be likely to achieve and the in-creased costs which would be

incurred. Her Ladyship, having considered the facts of the instant case, made appropriate orders. Solicitors: Price & Son, Haverfordwest; Holt Jones & Collins, Swansea.

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Ann Morrow goes in search of the essential Irish country house: tangles of fishing rods, log fires at dusk, and butter and cream with everything

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Peace comes dropping slow.

rs Constance Aldridge presides like a benevolent brigadier over the seven and a half miles of River Moy which she owns in County Mayo. Once the preserve of "real gentry", this part of Ireland still has superb fishing.

This doughty widow is one of a group who have opened their country houses and transformed Irish cooking. It could never be called minimalist. Butter and cream go into everything except a morning cup of tea. Eggs are rarely more than a day old, fish is mother-of-pearl fresh and nettles flavour cheese. The tremble in the wrist of the local girl serving a French dish she has just learnt to pronounce is part of the charm.

A passion for carving carrots into flowers and serving food in conservatories is a hazard of this new enthusiasm. Dignified old houses have become chocolate boxy and been garlanded with swags and festoons. Smoky white walls now glow yellow and pink, like a dowager vividly made up after a lifetime of fresh air on pale

Happily, though, many have still kept that endearing clutter of wellingtons, well-thumbed copies of The Field, sleeping cats in tall chairs, fishing rods, and chiming clocks telling the wrong time. Gardens are rampant with rhododendrons, stone urns brim with

Mount Falcon is three miles from Lough Conn, where brown trout teasingly skim limestone water and ducks skirt the reeds and water lilies. The long avenue. bushy in summer with pink and blue hydrangeas, is sandwiched between meadows of buttercups

A cheerful girl appears in the hall and swings a large suitcase upstairs as if it were as light as a dozen eggs. Mrs Aldridge, who was 19 when she read Mrs Beeton on "how to direct a staff", explains: "That's Bridie, my little

fat laughing girl." A silver tureen is borne into the centre of a long candlelit table as a gong sounds at eight. Delicate sorrel soup, the deft use of lovage,

jugged hare with marmalade: this intuitive cooking is appreciated particularly by the French. A party regularly sets out on December 26 for the rough shooting and pike fishing, and arrives, their hostess says, "laden with gorgeous choc-olates, bottles of champagne and Chanel No 5". Their wives accept this other woman, who has been 70 for at least 10 years.

One of the pleasures, after a 40minute flight to Dublin, and picking up a car, was getting lost. Searching for a Georgian farmhouse near Wexford, I asked advice from a cyclist leaving a public house with a window full of nuns' black shoes, who needed to ask, "where did yis start from?" before telling me the way to the Viking town. He himself set out in the misty heat, but on putting a hand out to the right, fell into a ditch on the left.

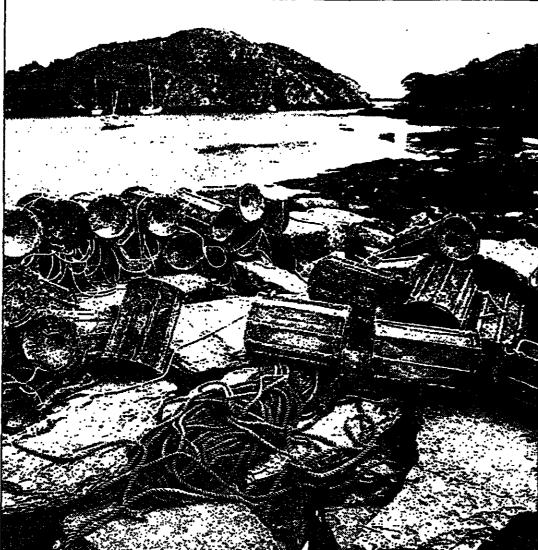
The farmhouse rejoicing in the name Horetown House is run by a sweet-faced woman called Vera Young who asks you in her soft way to make a wish as soon as you

High on a hill, with an old fig tree and acres of raspberries and blackcurrants, it is so congenial and unpretentious that a walk from a huge bedroom with heavy mahogany furniture to a shared bathroom is bearable. In the cellars, Ivan, a dark-eyed son of the house, cooks gargantuan steaks broadening the girth of Wexford Opera Festival aesthetes.

A woman travelling on her own can be over-sensitive. The bro-chure for Longueville in Cork boasts that the house "sits on an eminence" overlooking the "Irish Rhine". From a small, dark bedroom without bath, the view was not of the Blackwater or of Ireland's only vineyard, but of a busy back yard.

However, food served in a flowery conservatory was imagi-native and a pot of home-made iam was pressed into the hand next morning. Ireland disarms.

Ballymaloe (pronounced loo), also in Cork, was one of the first of the country houses to open, and food no longer comes straight



Fish, straight from the sea, is offered mother-of-pearl fresh; lobster creeks by Loch Hyne in County Cork

from the inspired hands of Myrtle Allen, Ireland's answer to Elizabeth David. These days it is her skinny daughter-in-law, Darina, who is the cult figure, teaching the art of original country house

flavours at Shanagarry. Like a Pied Piper, she leads her class to Ballycotton Harbour to choose fish straight from small wooden boats as gulls circle greedily overhead. Accommodation is in 18th-century pinkwashed converted farmhouses close to apple orchards and an enchanted herb garden.

But it is the west in summer which captivates, where the Atlantic romps into tiny inlets, bath water runs peaty brown and it is light till 11. This is the land of wild beaches and Celtic crosses, where

foxgloves grow as high as cottage half-doors, and huge pieces of grass sprout from chimney pots. The road to Cashel Bay ribbons

round chocolatey bogs glistening where turf has been freshly cut. Rocks have strange white imprints like fishbones and tanky schoolboys sit kicking their legs sucking the honey from fuchsia. The peacocks have gone now

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from Cashel House Hotel, in disgrace because they liked to eat the lavender. An Irish wolfhound, big enough to ride, lay on a lawn circled by roses and hydrangeas, paws upturned to a sinking sun.

"People open up like flowers here," say Desmond and Kay McEvilly, owners of this mid 19th-century white house where private people including Sir Alec Guinness and General de Ganlle found peace.

It was one of life's great experiences to cycle late one night after a rich, creamy supper. Only a farmer passed and raised his tweed cap mumbling a shy "lo". The air was tingling and smelt of peat, the

light was inky blue. It was "home" then, to nod off in the firelight over one of the books on shells and wild flowers piled high on a lace-canopied

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West Berlin serves as the arrival airport for both East Berlin and East Germany and only two Russian airports -Moscow and Leningrad — are open to direct flights from Britain. British Airways (BA) no longer serves Yugoslavia, Romania or Bulgaria, so these countries' flag carriers -JAT (Yngoslavia), Balkan (Bulgaria) and Tarom (Roma-

nia) - must be used instead. Blame politics for the mixed bag of flight schedules. Some destinations (Bucharest, Leningrad and Sofia) are served infrequently, while others (West Berlin and Moscow) enjoy regular flights and have a choice of airline. The London/Moscow route

is served by four airlines: BA and Aeroflot (the Soviet flagcarrier) in addition to Richard Branson's Virgin Atlantic and the Japanese independent airline All Nippon Airways (ANA), which touches down in Moscow en route for Tokyo. Virgin and ANA can thank the new Soviet political climate for being allowed to carry passengers between London

and Moscow.

Politics have even more of a say when it comes to flying to West Berlin. Under an Allied agreement signed at the end of the Second World War, only British, American and French airlines may fly to West Berlin, and then only in air corridors which are strictly controlled by the Soviet and East German aviation authorities. Two airlines - BA and America's Pan Am - operate airlines have still to rise to the regular flights between Lon-

Lufthansa has been barred from Berlin (both West and

East) for the past 45 years. Most East European airlines fly with Russian-built aircraft which have little passenger appeal. But JAT and Tarom are exceptions. JAT flies mainly with US-built jets, while Tarom operates British Aerospace 1-11 twin jets, some of which were built in

Romania under licence. Service standards, both in the air and on the ground, are below Western levels of expectation. JAT is probably the best of the bunch and certainly it is the only Eastern bloc carrier to operate along Western lines. With most countries having

only limited facilities to accommodate tourists, the airlines have had little incentive to attract holidaymakers. Tioket prices are above average with a choice of APEX (Advance Purchase Excursion) and PEX (Instant Purchase) fares. APEX tickets must be booked at least 14 days ahead (28 days in the case of Russia), while PEX fares are fine for impulse travellers, but costly. Fortunately, the flight consolidators (companies that book blocks of seats on scheduled flights) have saved the

day by marketing lower fares that are free of APEX-style restrictions. Stade charges £115 return for direct flights to West Berlin; Warsaw costs £175. Trailfinders is selling cut-price flights with reputable Western airlines, provided you are prepared to fly via Amster-

dam or Zurich. And St Al-

bans-based Austro features direct BA flights to Budapest. Everyone agrees that East European tourism has a bright future, but it could be some time before we see any changes. With the exception of the West Berlin route, the challenge.

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TRAVEL



Pampered off the piste **Shona Crawford**

here is nothing quite like a good pampering or a good flattering for improving one's outlook on life. I had been prepared to look sourly on Isola 2000 when the promised helicopter turned into a pumpkin due to there being rather a lot of weather on the Côte d'Azur

last weekend. Instead of a 20-minute hop from the palm-lined seafront at Nice to the pistes of the Alpes Maritimes, there were two uncomfortable hours in back of a Citroen of a certain age. Added to Friday traffic on

Terminal One departure lounge, and another hour in the air, I began to wonder if all this travelling was worth the trouble for a couple of days' second-division skiing. But from then on things began to look up.

Even before it collected its share of last week's snow Isola was doing a remarkable job of conserving the previous fall which had arrived before Christmas. Its principal ski area, the nor-nor-east facing Domaine du Pelevos had natural snow from top to bottom. True, it was unforgivingly hard and in places the road to the airport, the icy, but in bright sanshine usual crush in Heathrow's I had a lovely time. That's

Poole enjoyed a weekend of

flattery and good skiing at Isola 2000

where the flattery came in. The first day's skiing of the new season is always a bit scary. Last year's comfortable boots feel as if they are on the wrong feet, and an attempt at a mental rehearsal of skiing draws a blank. As usual, I

cannot think how to ski and,

as usual, my legs remember. And Didier approved of my style. Well, when a personable instructor in a Schiaparelli pink suit praises your efforts, things have a tendency to go rather well. We skied pretty well everything that was open, and as a distraction from the limitations this imposed - all the steep or potentially bumpy slopes were shut - we worked hard on those quick, precise turns which come in handy in

steep, narrow places. His prescription was "more dynamic up-weighting to achieve a rebound". It felt just about as silly as it sounded till a rhythm built up. We bounced down the mountain in short, tutorial takes.

snowed, and that is where the pampering came in. Isola 2000 is best known for its purposebuilt apartment and hotel blocks, indoor shopping and restaurant mall, and for its sunshine record. It is pretty efficient, not much to look at, and on fine weekends it is

invaded by skiers up from the

but it was not light and

watching the surfers swooping

through the trees it was clear

that theirs was the better sport

for the day. With their side-

wavs stance and pole-free

arms held wide for balance.

they looked freer and more fluid than conventional skiers.

It snowed the rest of the day

and most of the night, clearing

just in time for a crack-of-

dawn start back to the office

on Monday. It was going to be a great day for those who

could stay, but snowploughs

had been up even earlier, so

there was no choice but to

stick to the plan. I was back at

TRAVEL NOTES

The Hotel Diva (010 33)

9323 1771) charges high

season rates at weekends. A double room with breakfast

and lunch or dinner from the à la carte menu costs £220

per couple per night. When snow conditions are good you can ski to the door. If they

are not, guest are ferried to the lifts and collected by the hotel's chauffeur. The £10

unusually good value and non-

skiers' menu at lunch offers

residents are welcome. A

helicopter (seats five) from Nice costs £400 each way.

Taxi (max four), £80. Bus £7.

British Airways (01-897
4000) flies daily to Nice from

Recent upgrading included the building of the Diva, a luxurious chalet-style hotel with valet ski-parking, sat-ellite television, swish bathrooms, and a kitchen staff trained and directed by Albert Roux of Le Gavroche. Offered hot foie gras on coin-sized my desk before lunchtime. potato pancakes, served in front of a log fire while snowlakes whirl past the window ... and who needs trumpets?

Breakfast brought a basket of feathery Roux croissants, pain au chocolat and brioches. Outside it was still chucking it down. Visibility was poor to negligible and Phillippe replaced Didier. Goggled, and muffled against ice down the back of the neck, we emerged from the lift into a blizzard. But beneath our skis there was thick, soft snow.

In these conditions the advantage of following an instructor who knows every inch of the terrain is obvious. £158 return. his is Canada, land of the "mile-high moun-tain". Blackcomb boasts a full vertical mile of skiing is worth it, skiing. Whistler Mountain is only a few hundred feet shorter, but makes up for it with more runs. Respectively.

the mountains rank number one and number two in vertical drop on the continent, and offer as much skiing as any European ski circus. I was there in what the locals described as poor snow conditions, but this resort has

dedicated skier sit still for a 10-hour plane ride. Snowmaking (4,000 vertical feet at Blackcomb), relentless scientific snowgrooming, four-person high-speed chairs (two to three times faster than conventional Alpine lifts) and snow (an average 35ft of natural snow per season): no

European resort can compete. Services in North America are legendary. At Blackcomb I saw staff flicking stray rocks off the piste with hockey sticks, information towers alerting skiers to which lifts were loading quickest, and ski school standards at the Kids Kamp to shame the Swiss.

Then there's the skiing. In this category, American skiers and ski writers rated Whistler even higher than Vail. Cer-tainly, Whistler beats Colo-rado and comes closer to the European experience in offering glacier skiing on three separate ice fields. The Whistler resort glaciers offer nonstop vertical, and the newly opened Blackcomb glacier gives access through un-tracked bowls to a specially cut piste to the village.

On my first day's skiing I put myself with Whistler veterans Al and Irene Whitney. They do not work for the tourist office but, like most people who live in the resort, they might just as well. I was introduced to the Whistler/ Blackcomb dichotomy.

Blackcomb was developed in 1980 when, confusingly, the "European style" hotel, shops and residental centre called Whistler Village was built, some two and a half miles away from the original base station at Whistler Creek, Blackcomb is, in the words of its president Hugh Smythe, "the state-of-the-art ski resort in North America".

Whistler Mountain opened in 1965. It now has two separate télécabine systems, one four-person, the other 10It's a long flight to

Canada but the

Doug Sager says person, running from two different base locations to above the tree line. But Whis-

high-speed quad chair, though there are plans to replace the older, slower chairs soon. That's not good enough for what it takes to make a Al and Irene, who are in a hurry to zip up Blackcomb on that mountain's four express quads. The way they figure it, Blackcomb's lifts are so fast that you can squeeze what would normally be a whole

morning, after which you are

too tired to continue. Al and Irene never ski Whistler Mountain anymore, though they did for more than a dozen years and though they have a season pass which covers both hills. They find Blackcomb's impeccable grooming fall line designer slopes and express lifts compellingly user-friendly.

Blackcomb is, in the words of its president Hugh Smythe, "the state of the art ski resort in North America"

But you really ought to take one day just to go over and ski Whistler Mountain," turged, for old time's sake.

I did and felt at home. The skiing over at Whistler is, dare I say it, more "European". Of course the grooming is still superior to any European resort outside Zermatt or Courchevel. But the terrain is a little more rugged, more scratchy than at Blackcomb. The trails twist and traverse more through the trees.

Both mountains offer serious off-piste powder terrain. But Blackcomb's Saudan Couloir, with its official warning "Tighten Your Sphinc-, has to be the most radical marked trail anywhere. After banging down that one when there really was not enough snow, cruising the straightline carpet-smooth Blackcomb pistes I felt as if I had died and gone to heaven Well, you can't ski all day.

Ski the vertical mile And in the sometimes cold, damp and cloudy climate of maritime British Columbia you probably won't want to ski every day either. Whistler resort is an area of lakes, parks and forests. I circumnavigated the scenery on an afternoon's mountain bike tide along marked trails which also double as hiking or cross-country

In the pedestrian-only comtler Mountain only has one plex of Whistler Village I whiled away hours in the only full-scale bookstore I have ever seen in a ski resort, and spent anxious moments looking for a drinkable wine in the government-operated off-licence. The ski shops teem with items I have found unavailable in Britain, like Sorrel snowboots for £50 and Grandoe "glove systems" for day's downhill skiing into one

The food in Whistler is a world away from expensive, bland American resort fare On the mountain a slice of fresh-baked pizza, sour cream carrot cake and a gallon of Coke did me nicely at lunch. If you go for the traditional European ski resort lunch, T mean more than two glasses of wine or beer, don't be surprised when the waiter advises you politely but pointedly not to ski this afternoon.

In the evening, I finally found out what Whistler means by "European charm". At the Val d'Isère restaurant, run by an "escaped" English accountant and a chef from Alsace, I had a meal I would have thought unattainable outside France, and at half the price one could expect in any French resort. Three toques for Whistler.

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 No British tour operators go to Whistler. For the full Canadian experience for Canadian experience, fly Canadian/Wardair which is offering a special return fare of £335 to Vancouver. Whirl to Whistler directly from the airport (260) in half an hour with Canadian licopters scheduled service Hotels from the Canadiana of Château Whistle at £90 a night to non-smoking B & B from £25. Condos (self-catered flats)

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Snow showers yesterday excited weekend skillers, just as the ek before. Mild weather last week left few resorts fully open. Clearings are forecast again but with a hope of more snow midweek. North facing and snow making resorts best off. Austria: Badgastein, with snow cannons, 50 per cent open. Kitzbuhel and St Anton, with cannons, 80 per cent open. Italy: Cortina, some cannons, 75 per cent open. Elsewhere connections in the Dolomiti ski circus poor.

SNOW REPORT

France: Three valley connections open. Courchevel 100 per cent skiiable. Val d'Isère, making snow, but only 55 per cent open. Switzerland: Berner Oberland suffering most. St Moritz, with snow cannons, skiing to village. Zermatt, with cannons, and



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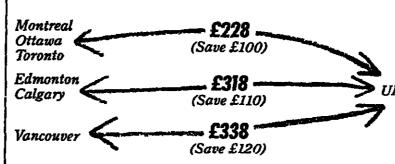
It begins to look as if a great many people are banking on next summer being as glorious as last. Country Holidays (0282 445566), which has 5,000 cottages and other properties on its books, reports bookings a third up on last year, and Devon and Corn-wall almost sold out for the peak season.

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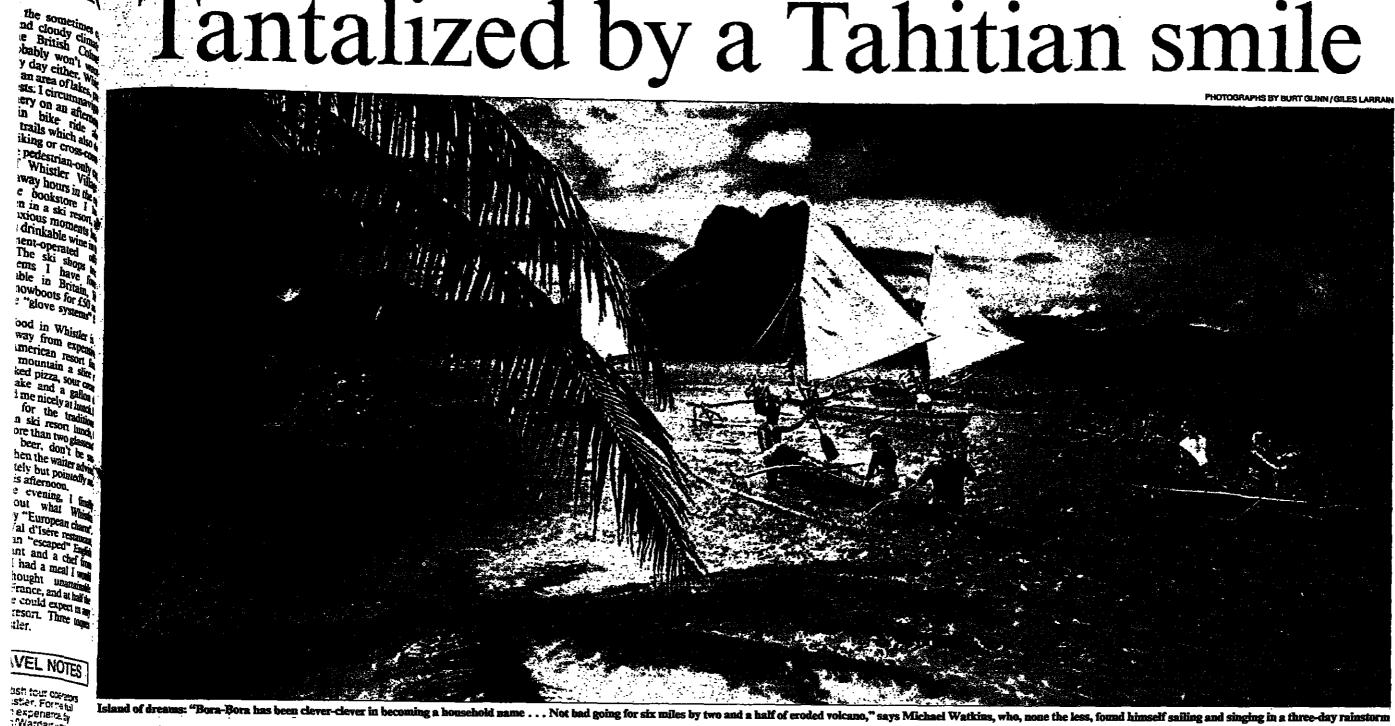


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TRAVEL

Tantalized by a Tahitian smile



wenty-six hours of Michael Watkins travelling may have scrambled airpon (260) alta brains. For, on that first evening in Ta-#5 Scheduled serge hiti, when I could have been from the is of Chateau Waste histily drunk or asleep, I went to a cemetery. Yet I knew precisely why I was there: someone had told me that Tahitians are unafraid of death because they are un-afraid of life. It seemed a good ≫ pass options. № £100 per weekt place to start, where, on the "Ideal Reef" of Papeete in 1914, Rupert Brooke wrote: And all lovely things, they

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Meet in Loveliness again. burglar had stolen one bank-lit was the eve of some note, re-arranging the rest in festival or other. Each grave the part of a flower on her had been scattered with golden sand and virtuously notes like petals. sprinkled with flowers. One man had died of alcoholism (a not uncommon way out in these parts), his headstone upside-down bottles of Hin- more sensual, more volupano, the local juice. Flowers! The heady, sweet scent of frangipani, the Tiare Tahiti gardenias. This scent remind-

ed me of violence and sex. lci reposé Poenaikitania, read a memorial. There were other names: Faatan Mamma'u, Tipae Tepuaitauonini, Terii Tematahiapo. How dare they die; with such glorious names they had no right dying. But Tahitians have no concept of "forever": sunsets fade. flowers will, the lover steals away. Hence Tahitian-style marriage. There is no Tahitian word for illegitimacy because all new life is innocent, but there is a word, fiu, a stage of "had-enough", which is like saying: "The party's over;

time for laughter to end." From a distance, these thoughts return to me in snatches. In my mind's eye, I catch a tantilizing glimpse of a woman's half-smile, proffered in Papeete market, it was unlike an airline smile or a hotel smile, professional and packaged. I recall a friend telling me of a break-in at her

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islanders of French Polynesia

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Fletcher Christian, of the "Bounty", is said to have been bewitched by the Tahitian women, but I do not know tuous than western women; only about half the Tahitian women are pure machi, with ebony hair adorned with hibiscus, dressed in pareos.

I cannot say whether there are more temptresses than telephonists, more seductresses than seamstresses. I only know that they wear crowns of laurels on their heads, leis of flowers around their necks and that their smiles are secretive, sleeply and womanly wise. I do not even know whether, living this side of Paradise, they worry about the future.

Perhaps they should. For the 1,000 deaths in French Polynesia in 1985, only 95 death certificates were issued. Official reports stated that 200 died from "no specific cause"

Since 1966, more than 100 nuclear test explosions on Mururoa atoll have allowed radioactive material to escape into the ocean. Polynesians employed by the French army have been warned not to eat scafood but, as Manuhati Temaru, the mayor of Faa'a, told me: "Fish is our staple

tians are dying of exposure to radiation. We are all at risk."

There is, as if we needed reminding, a scrpent in every garden of Eden, and you cannot eradicate this particular vermin by putting down rat poison. Once, the Tahitians would have unleashed their tikis and tupapaus - ancestral a threat, but those days have in the rain, sailing in the rain. randa of my hotel room gone, since they accepted the If I tell you I felt like singing in more a luxurious but on stilts Polynesian blood.

Bible as their magic book.

Can a people be tactile and supine, both at the same time? Almost profligate in their need to embrace nature, how can they so quiescently await the doom count?

Ask me another. Ask me why, when Gauguins hang in the galleries of London, Paris and Washington, not one it belongs - in Tahiti's Gaugnin Museum? There are chies, contained very plausibly in Gauguin's paintings themselves, which convey the basic simplicity of Tahitian life: a child eats a mango; two semi-naked girls bear fruit and flowers, those almost-smiles masking emotions which should never be blatant.

ed herrings there are, too; shoals of them in Maugh-am's novel, The Moon and Sixpence. But the most conclusive evidence rests surely with Rupert Brooke: And the Flower, of which we

Faint and fading shadows

Never a tear, but only Grief. Distractingly close, 12 miles from Papeete, lies Moorea with its shark's tooth peak Mou'aroa, which starred in the film South Pacific as the mythical Bali H'ai. Here I was chauffeured by Albert, a taxi driver who relieved me of the imponderables, being loqua-cious, pithy and irreverent.

I heard about his three vives, 12 children, about inflation and the contagions of television, which arrived in 1986 when the island was plugged in to the mains. He told me how much be paid for his Subaru car, swivelling his head to see if I was hooked on the barbs of his incredulity. He said that he could arrange a special price for a tamaaraas. a local feast. But to give him his due, he was bang on time when, at 5am, I needed a lift to the airport.

The island of Bora-Bora has been clever-clever in becoming a household name. Not

bad going for six miles by two and a half of eroded volcano 150 miles from Tahiti. In the Second World War it became a US Naval base, with a garrison of 6,000 men waiting to repel the Japanese, who never turned up. Eventually, the Americans returned to Idaho or wherever, bequeathing to Bora-Bora a couple of ietties, seaplane ramps and a brood of children with blue eyes and hair the colour of corn. They also spread the word that they had spent the war in beaven.

My plane landed on Motu Mote, so that I approached Bora-Bora by sea, over a lagoon and coral gardens, tying up at the Hotel Bora-Bora — at which exact moment it started raining so enthusiastically that it pock-

diet. Too much is unex- gun fire. It poured for the plained; France keeps us in the duration of my three-day visit, dark. But I know that Tahi- letting up occasionally for a minute or two in order to summon the energy to rain more vehemently.

In a life of travel, I have noticed that torrential rain is not infrequently synchronized with a lowering of spirits and an urge to buzz off home. In Bora-Bora, these symptoms were reversed. I found myself spiritual ghosts - against such swimming in the rain, walking

that's about the sum of it. I am contentedly at the rain. You not sure why this happened. Usually I object to being wet, in Palmers Green or Paradise; but in Bora-Bora it was almost a celebration. Sploshing through the "capital" of Vartape (you'd miss it if you sneezed), I made no attempt to circumnavigate puddles. I did not shudder at the "Goldie Hawn Ate Here" notice outside Bloody Mary's. On the ve-

the rain, you'll only groan, but over the lagoon - I stared

tell me why.

I did a lot of thinking in Bora-Bora's rain, about years ago when I knew a Malaysian princess in a place called Titik, where it also rained a lot. Once I asked her, with implacable stupidity, why she was so happy in the rain. "Because," she replied gently, "it makes the flowers grow, and I can talk to God. I think she must have had

TRAVEL NOTES

• Michael Watkins flew from London to Papeete via Los Angeles with Air New Zealand (01-930 1088). The low season excursion fare costs from £995 return. The economy return costs £2,024, and first class £4,082.

• His travel arrangements were made by Elegant Resorts, Lion House, 23, Watergate Row, Chester CH1 2LE (0244 325820). Elegant Resorts will tailor specific holiday requirements. For example: seven nights at the Hotel Bora-Bora, during the period January 21 to March 31, cost £1,995, including economy flights and transfers from Papeete. There is a delly supplement of £30 for half-board accommodation.

The rainy season is from November to April. Tipping, generally, is considered imposite in French Polynesia — except at the large hotels.



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Victors of Hugo

t the height of high season in the Caribbean last week, Domaine Grand Maison on Guadeloupe was a guesthouse without guests. This grandest of gites, a 19th-century planter's mansion with heart-stopping views over the ocean, was a casualty of world reaction to Hurricane Hugo, which devastated the island four months ago.

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It is the same story all over Guadeloupe. Apart from a sprinkling of visitors at the top hotel, the beaches are deserted, the pools empty and the hoteliers distraught. The only activity on the famous Creole beach turned out to be a French fashion shoot.

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"Tour operators have directed clients away from the island," said Clande Pedourand, a seventh-generation islander and owner of the Golf Marina, a Creole-style hotel complex with an 18-hole golf course. "Independent travellers are afraid of another hurricanes can't happen in high season, it's a meteorological impossibility."

The facts bear him out. Guadeloupe enjoys a typical Caribbean climate, 300 days of sunshine a year and a mean temperature of 75-80°F. There are three main seasons: December to May, when the balmy trade winds blow, the hot windless months of June to August, and finally the rainy season, September to November, when hurricanes, five so far this century, can occur. The touroperators' scepticism is under-standable. Hugo had a force twice that of the atom bomb that hit Hiroshima, and only a monumental effort on the part of the islanders has restored tourist facilities to normal. Even the National Park, which sustained terrible damage, has had its tourist trails restored, and the famous landmark of L'Allée Dumanoir, a magnificent avenue of sky-scraping royal palms, is virtually intact.

But away from the tourist haunts, the picture is different. At Moule, a small port on the Atlantic coast, postman Maurice Citadelle now delivers to a new destination, the Autre Côte beach, where a tent city houses the people whose waterfront homes were washed out to sea. In the centre of town, builders work round the clock to shore up the fine old colonial buildings, and a plastic tarpaulin

Four months of heroic effort have restored facilities to Guadeloupe after the hurricane. But the tourists have yet to return, Ros Drinkwater reports



Learning under canvas: temporary residents of the tent city at Moule

covers the roof of the 19th-century church.

In recognition of the island's plight, France has voted a capital injection of £4.6 million in addition to the £9.3 million promised by the EC. Guadeloupe enjoys a unique position as an EC region at the heart of the Americas, and much of the new money will be spent on developing tourism,

which is expected to take over the lead from the island's main industries of sugar and banana production.

For many islanders this idea strikes an odd note. A 1977 investigation discovered that the local population equated tourism with overseas investors aiming for a quick profit, an image that the Chamber of Commerce is now working hard to dispel. The plan is to build a new airport and double tourist facilities within the next

three years.
But as the saying goes, it's an ill wind that blows no one any good. Christian Perrier owns La Pigeonierre, arguably the best restaurant on the island. When he first arrived in 1986, locals marked him down as a crank when his first action was to build a sea wall between the ocean and his premises. He had experienced a hurricane in Mauritius and was taking no chances. A keen deep-sea fisherman with more than a passing interest in meteorology, he noted that the Guadeloupe hurricane of 1976 had coincided with the long dry European summer. When the European pattern repeated last year, he began preparations in earnest.

"In this part of the world we have an excellent early warning system. On Alert I, we prepare for the hurricane; on Alert 2, a curfew is imposed and essential services, water and electricity are cut. But when a hurricane is imminent, no deep-sea fisherman needs a warning — you can sense it out there on the ocean."

errier purchased two extra freezers and two generators to power them, and made provision to store water. Two days before Hugo, he brought in the boats, closed the restaurant and moved everything to a safe house in the mountains. While neighbouring restaurants were washed out to sea, the day after Hugo La Pigeonierre was open as usual, with the entire village crammed in to watch the television news and, despite the drop in tourism, business has been booming ever since.

"A hurricane need not be disastrous if preparations are made; it's a question of changing our attitude. After all, in ski resorts that get snowed in, they don't freeze or starve — they are ready," Perrier says. "You'll notice the locals speak of Monsieur Hugo — that's a good thing, it's time we paid nature and her forces the respect they deserve." In the wake of last week's weather, that is something we on this side of the Atlantic might do well to muil over.

● Details of holidays on Guadeloupe are available from the French Government Tourist Office, 178 Piccadilly, London W1 (01-491 7622/499 6911).



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